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January 9, 2001 at 6:30 P.M.

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1. Roll Call

2. Closed Session on Existing Litigation

   a. Public Comment on all matters pertaining to the closed session.
   b. Vote on whether to hold closed session to confer with legal counsel (San Francisco Administrative Code sec. 67.10(d)). (Action)
   c. Closed session pursuant to Government Code sec. 54956.9 and San Francisco Administrative Code sec. 67.10(d).

      Conference with legal counsel-existing litigation (Discussion)- *San Francisco Taxi Permitholders and Drivers Assoc., Inc. et al. V City and County of San Francisco et al.,* San Francisco Superior Court (No. 316993; filed November 28, 2000).
   d. Reconvene in open session. Vote on whether to disclose any or all discussions held in closed session(San Francisco Administrative Code sec. 67.12(a)). (Action).

3. Public Comment **(Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President of the Commission may limit total testimony time.)**

4. Approval of Minutes(minutes from December 12, 2000)

5. Approval of Consent Calendar

6. Taxi Commission Announcements
   a. Motions to Calendar New Items

7. Update from ParaTransit Broker regarding progress of contracting with all Taxicab Companies to participate in the ParaTransit program.

8. Presentation by the Presidio Trust regarding taxicab service within the Presidio.

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9. Hearing and Discussion for possible approval the following Color Scheme changes from Veterans Cab Co. to Arrow Cab Co. (Color Scheme Applications) *Continued from the 12/12/2000 Consent Calendar*

Mary Speck	285	Gene Bottorff	785
Michele Levin	19, 20, 21	Sandra Howell	13, 14, 15
James Bottorff	714	Dat Nguyen	837
Jimmy Velez	1143	Robert Migdal	863
Thomas Ferris	961	Robert Friedman	865
Jack Maniaci	317	Joe Borzello	976
Lawrence Alhadeff	16, 17, 23, 24	Roy McFall	360
Mary Speck	278, 279, 282, 283, 285	Austin James	825
John Portner	1212	Vernal Crittendon	195
Emory Speck	277, 281	Richard Wallace	106
Manny Fernandez	954	Thanh Nguyen	1075
Wardell Walters	1156	Dau Nguyen	1227
Gary Sartor	836	Jatinder Singh	1133
Victor Jacob	1108	Craig Bouwman	1175
Lewis Jackson	667	Gary Sharp	1087
John Mardakis	250 through 260		

10. Hearing and Discussion for possible denial of the application for a Medallion Holder Permit filed by Andy Weldezghi. (Medallion Holder Application)

11. Adjournment

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Recommendation of the San Francisco Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Driver Public Passenger Vehicle permits to:

Waqar Ali	Ahmed Alghazali	Eduard Agababyan	Roberto Antonio
Juan Arriola	Abdolramman Attaran	Ghazi Balti	Marcelo Batista
Zhi Bi	Massimo Cassitta	Benson Dang	Bill Dang
Adir Fassina	Alex Ferreira	Valeria Fonseca	Agvaan Ganbold
Hifdalh Ghanem	Alexis Georgopoulos	Saber Hakimi	Rubens Junior
Erik Kaul	Adnan Khan	Ravez Khan	Alex Kong
Bawm Lagwi	Ndubuisi Madubuikeekwe	Bruno Matos	Rupert McClendon
Marcelo Novello	Johnne Oliveira	Hugo Perez	Moises Pinheiro
Sidha Selmi	Abdulhakim Radman	Delvane Silva	Kashmir Singh
Leonid Slootsky	Bradley Smith	Hernali Souza	Wanderley Souza
Yaser Tawil	Mounir Tlich	Baterdene Tolya	Badii Touati
John Weisel	Kriangsak Wongphiboonrat	Cristiano Xavier	Oualid Yahiaoui

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2. Recommendation of the San Francisco Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Medallion Holder permits to:

Applicant	Medallion #	Color Scheme
Kameel Barkouki	581	Royal
Samuel Belenky	1270	United
Anatoly Belilovsky	1276	BW Checker
Alex Cherkas	1275	United
Ralph Conforti	545	Arrow
Amgad Dawoud	1034	Royal
Dib Elmarouk	1271	Desoto
Natalya Epelbaum	1284	Luxor
Yan Epshtein	1278	Alliance
Bader Erikat	1286	Crown
Francis Fox	402	Arrow
Yefim Fridman	1269	Luxor
Richard Hybels	324	Metro
Roman Katz	1268	Big Dog City
Peter Katz	1267	BW Checker
Joseph Klebanov	1277	National
Bipan Kumar	70	United
Stanley Marble	154	Yellow
Kevin McNamee	1285	National
Ahmad Mozaffari	1272	Regents
Carol Marks	1274	Yellow
Lev Mudriyan	1279	National
Binh T. Nguyen	440	Arrow
Aderbal Olivera	1273	Luxor
David Perlin	321	Yellow
William Qutami	1280	Royal
Vadim Smelansky	1283	United
Alan Vogt	1282	Yellow

3. Recommendation of the San Francisco Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Color Scheme Changes to:

Medallion Holder	Cab No.	Change	Effective Date
Kwok Ho	1053	Yellow Cab to Regents Cab	01/10/2001
Peter Ho	962	United Cab to Arrow Cab	01/10/2001
Leung Transportation	433	Big Dog City to Regents	01/10/2001

4. Recommendation of the San Francisco Police Taxicab Detail for approval of an extention of the Beenz.com Taxicab Wrap to January 31, 2001.

(Copies of Consent Calendar applications may be viewed or obtained at the San Francisco Police Taxicab Detail, 850 Bryant Street, Room 458)

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TAXICAB COMMISSION MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF January 9, 2001
Meeting called to order at 1832 hours in Room 400 City Hall

Item I Roll call, Commissioners Costello, Franklin, Gillespie, Wiener Present : Agbayani Excused: Sweet 2 minutes late, Commissioner McGuire 10 minutes late.

Item 2 Closed Session Attorney/Client ConferencePublic Comment: Mark Gruberg stated that if the Commission took action it should not be confidential. Motion Wiener, 2nd Gillespie to hold a closed session. Motion approved 4-0. Closed Session held with City Attorney. Motion Gillespie, 2nd Wiener not to disclose. Motion approved 6-0.

Item 3 Public Comment: Jean Normand urged the Commission to sudy Centralized Dispatch, Logan Darro said that the cab laws should be abolished, Alan Gelder spoke in favor of rewriting the Commission rules regarding Top Lights. Barry Taranto noted the Airport policy changes on short fare charges and the new taxi stand being put in front of City Hall, Peter Witt spoke in opposition to the issuance of additional taxicabs; James Maddox requested a rule review on the use of vehicles for a fouth year and noted the price of CNG dramatically rising; Dmitri Jeziorski: spoke on behalf of the UTW growing and improving; Bruce Oka encouraged Commissioner Franklin to work quickly in setting up her working group for Ramped Taxicabs; John Roberts asked if the Commission really wanted to have 500 new drivers on the street.

Item 4 Approval of I2/12/200I minutes. Motion to approve Franklin, 2nd Sweet, All in favor 6-0.

Item 5 Approval of Consent Calendar, Insp. Suslow noted that Item 4 was withdrawn. Items 2 and 4 were severed. Motion Sweet, 2nd Gillespie to approve Items I and 3 on the Consent Calendar, Motion approved 6-0. On Item 4 Commissioner McGuire discussed with the department the monitoring of the Taxi Wraps. On Item 2 Applicants Dawoud, Epelbaum and Barkouki were questioned by the Commissioners regarding their applications. Public Comment: Barry Taranto noted that he believed applicants Dawoud, Epelbaum and Barkouki may not be qualified. Motion McGuire 2nd Gillespie to request further investigations on Dawoud, Epelbaum and Barkouki. Motion failed on a Roll Call Vote Ayes: Gillespie, McGuire: Nayes: Sweet, Wiener, Franklin, Costello. Motion Weiner, 2nd Sweet to approve Item 2. Motion passes, all in favor.

Item 6 Commission Announcements: Commissioner Wiener thanked DPT for working on the City Hall Cab Stand, Commissioner Gillespie noted a problem of vehicles parking in the North Beach cab stand, Commissioner Franklin stated that she has recently taken several cab rides and appreciates the job the drivers do.

Item 7 Status update regarding Taxicab Companies accepting Paratransit Scrip. Mark Soto of Intellitran gave the the Commission a report of actions taken so far to bring all taxicab companies into compliance with requirements for accepting ParaTransit scrip. Public Comment: Jim O'Conner stated that he believed if Veterans Cab Co. eventually joins paratransit, then their management would move most of the cabs to Arrow cab; Bruce Oka stated that the community has been trying to get Veterans Cab into the program voluntarily.

Item 8 Presentation by the Presidio Trust. Richard Tilles of the Presidio Trust presented a map and a brief outline of Taxicab needs within the Presidio. Public Comment: Barry Taranto; Stephen Reimers described the building numbering system in the Presidio; Ed Burke stated that the Presidio needs to know about Luxor Cab Co.; George England said that service would be better if people called the right company; Jim Nakamura said the problem is with the number and street identifiers.

Item 9 Hearing for Color Scheme Change of Taxicabs between Veterans Cab and Arrow Cab. Sidney Sherary presented the case for approval on behalf of Speck Cab Co. and Wayne Canturbury present the case against on behalf of Veterans Cab Co. Public Comment: Barry Toronto discussed Vterans Cabs compliance with dispatch rules; Jim O'Conner said that Veterans Cab has a long standing phone number. Motion Franklin, 2nd Gillespie to approve Color Scheme changes. Motion passes on a roll call vote 6-0.

Item I0 Hearing for denial of Medallion Holder permit to Andy Weldezghi. Officer L. Frazier summarized the department's case for denial of the application. Mr. Weldezghi presented his case for approval. Motion Gillespie, 2nd Wiener to deny the application and remove Mr Weldezghi from the waiting list. Motion passes 5-0 on a rool call vote. Ayes:Gillespie, McGuire, Weiner, Franklin, Costello Excused: Sweet Motion to adopt finding by Gillespie, 2nd Franklin, Motion passes 5-0.

Meeting Adjourned 2235 hours.

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1. Roll Call
2. Public Comment (**Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President of the Commission may limit total testimony time.)**
3. Approval of Minutes(minutes from January 9, 2000)
4. Approval of Consent Calendar
5. Taxi Commission Announcements
   a. Motions to Calendar New Items
6. Recommendation of the Taxicab Detail to restore Mr. Surinder Kumar to the correct position on the Applicant Waiting List. (Report from Taxicab Detail)
7. Hearing and Discussion regarding Taxicab Dispatch Services. Possible discussions to develop priorities for enforcement of existing Commission Dispatch Rules (Continued from 12/12/2000)
8. Adjournment.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Recommendation of the San Francisco Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Driver Public Passenger Vehicle permits to:

Jorge Abbud	Samir Abdulhak	Mohammad Abualdarak	Parnell Bennett
Missy Buchanan	Tony Chen	Kim Bui	Heverson Costa
Thurman Crawford	Sonjoy Das	Amani Elsherbini	Olivio Ferrante
Alemayehoh Gardew	Geletti Golson	Daniel Grogg	Majid Hamid
Mohammad Hassas	Levon Isrealyak	Iftikhar Khan	Sanh Lam
Dennis Lawson	Clifford Lieber	Mamuka Mamaladze	Nimer Martha
Dmitri Mayzus	Mychael Monroe	Mara Morais	Mabio Moura
Gilbert Nogueira	Hoa Quach	Adam Rentschler	Charles Rentshler
Ilaci Ribeiro	Paulo Rocha	Vladimir Rosell	John Russo
Mourad Saci	Guruinder Sandhu	Newton Sjobom	Sebastiao Souza
Harmik Singh	Antonio Toulios	Duc Tran	Eddy Tran
Yuen Tsang	Ty Wenger	Wesley Wong	Aman Zazai
Fahd Alhakim	Ghazi Alsakkaf	Maung Aung	Tesfaye Borena
Mohamed Cherif	Mikhail Chernobilskiy	Paulo Costa	Joubert Dasilva
Lan Hoang	Naveed Hussain	Bilal Iqbal	Haykel Khelifi
Dennis Lam	Braimah Lecky	Jinky Loyola	Chuang Ma
Marcus Miller	Graciela Nguyen	Tun Oo	Huy Phi
Danny Poon	Thomas Poon	Hichen Salah	Ravi Salhotra
Anthony Santiago	Balwinder Singh	Gurnam Singh	Ahmed Shalabi
Steven To			

2. Recommendation of the San Francisco Police Taxicab Detail for approval of a Color Scheme Change to: (Application)

Medallion Holder	Cab No.	Change	Effective Date
Frances Wilson	802	Destoto Cab to Regents Cab	January 24, 2001

3. Recommendation of the San Francisco Police Taxicab Detail for approval of a Taxicab Medallion Holder permit to: (Application)

Applicant	Medallion #	Color Scheme
Herman Haluza	767	Yellow Cab Co.

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TAXICAB COMMISSION MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF January 23, 2001
Meeting called to order at 1832 hours in Room 400 City Hall

Item 1 Roll call, Commissioners Costello, Gillespie, McGuire Wiener Present : Agbayani , Sweet Excused: Franklin Absent.

Item 2 Public Comment: Barry Taranto noted Supervisor Daly's call for a hearing on the efficiency of the Taxi Commission and he noted that tonight would have been a good night for additional hearings. Bruce Oka commented on Commissioner Franklin's Ramped Taxicab working group meetings.

Item 3 Approval of 12/12/2001 minutes. Motion to approve Gilespic, 2nd Wiener, All in favor 4-0.

Item 4 Approval of Consent Calendar, Insp. Suslow noted that the medallion # in Line item 3 should read 797. Motion to approve Consent Calendar Wiener, 2nd Gillespie. All in favor 4-0.

Item 5 Commission Announcements: Commissioner McGuire asked that the Sworn Statement she was working on be calendered and the process to protest applicants be calendered. Commissioner Gillespie requested the calendering of a hearing on Commission rule 5B3 and requested information on fines or actions taken for perjury. Commissioner Costello requested an update on the security camera process.

Item 6 Hearing to restore applicant Surinder Kumar to the correct position on the Taxicab Ap;plicant Waiting List. Department report noted by Insp. Suslow. Motion to approve by Wiener, 2nd Gillespie. Motion passes 4-0.

Item 7 Hearing on Dispatch. Presentation and review of Dispatch Comparison spreadsheet by Commissioner Gillespie. Public Comment: Stephen Reimers said he would not like to see the Commission give up on the 10 call per shift rule; Barry Taranto said that maybe Regents Cab doesn't advertise and that maybe there are too many dispatch services; Jean Normand said that if the radio doesn't work well he loses money; Gratch Makarian siad that most of the dispatch services with low numbers in the survey are the newer companies; Bill Hollobaugh noted that having 1 dispatcher for every 75 cabs does not always make sense when taking into account the time of day, volume, etc.; Peter Witt said that he would like to see statistics on those that don't call for cabs anymore; Jime Gillespie said that Desoto is trying to answerer their phone system more efficiently; Micheal Spain said that a surcharge on radio calls would help; Ed Burke explained the system Luxor Cab used to count calls; Abdul Brahimi stated that there were not enough dispatch services and the system might be improved if there were more competition; George England said that dispatching was only part of the business. Item continued.

Meeting adjourned 2040 hours.

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3. Approval of Minutes(minutes from January 23, 2000)

4. Approval of Consent Calendar

5. Taxi Commission Announcements
   a. Motions to Calendar New Items

6. Discussion and possible action to Request an Appropriation from the Board of Supervisors to fund a feasibility study on improving taxi dispatch service. (Draft Resolution)

7. Discussion and possible action to amend Taxicab Regulation 5(B)(3) to allow a vehicle that is operated for an average of seven shifts or less a week to remain in service for an additional year beyond the three-year limit. (Proposed Rule).

8. Discussion and possible action to adopt procedure for Certification by Color Scheme Holders of compliance by medallion applicants with the full-time driving requirement.

9. Discussion and possible action to adopt a procedure for the process for protesting prospective issuance of medallions to individual applicants, including public review of applications and a possible thirty-day hold on completed applications to facilitate public review.

10. Hearing for possible revocation of Driver Public Vehicle permit of Kenneth Aunaghise. (Complaint).

11. Hearing for possible revocation of Driver Public Vehicle permit of Jessica Gorton. (Complaint).

12. Hearing for possible revocation of Driver Public Vehicle permit of Carl Roth. (Complaint).

13. Adjournment

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Mauro Carmo	Jian Chen	Ashraf Hasan	Sayed Hashemipour
Ihssen Khouldi	Daniel Libby	Stenio Lira	Regis Mateus
Robins Mathew	Mourad Meziane	Robert Mix	Saleh Murisi
Ocherdene Naraa	Mark Paula	Boubker Sairi	Baldev Singh
Matab Singh	Lance Walker	Daniel Ward	Paula Williamson
Alex Wong	Peter Wong	Chedli Zaouay	Roman Shek
Mohammed Sherwani	Yousef Abugheith	Suhaila Sweis	Dmitry Baranou
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(See Item 8)

TAXI COMMISSION AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

February 13, 2001 at 6:30 P.M.

City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlet Place
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1. Roll Call

2. Public Comment (**Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President of the Commission may limit total testimony time.)**

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Ihssen Khouldi	Daniel Libby	Stenio Lira	Regis Mateus
Robins Mathew	Mourad Meziane	Robert Mix	Saleh Murisi
Ocherdene Naraa	Mark Paula	Boubker Sairi	Baldev Singh
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TAXICAB COMMISSION MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF February 13, 2001
Meeting called to order at 1837 hours in Room 400 City Hall

Prior to Roll Call, Commission President Costello announced that Commissioner Agbayani had resigned from the Commission,

Item 1 Roll call, Commissioners Costello, Franklin, Gillespie, Sweet, Wiener Present : McGuire 5 minutes late.

Item 2 Public Comment: Peter Demme stated that computer dispatch is better than voice dispatch and the systems continually evolve, Charles Rathbone discussed the minimum wage for drivers and noted current taxicab business slowdown, John Roberts stated that Luxor Cab is the best dispatch system, Mark Gruberg noted recent taxi fare downturn, Barry Taranto stated that cab drivers are telling him that out-of-town cabs and limos are taking many fares from drivers, Jean Mormand suggested a telephone line to help drivers report out-of-town cabs and limos.

Item 3 Approval of 01/23/2001 minutes. Motion to approve Sweet, 2nd Wiener, All in favor 6-0.

Item 4 Approval of Consent Calendar. Item 2 severed. Motion Franklin, 2nd Seet to approve remainder of Consent Calendar. Motion passes 6-0. Public Speakers: Craig O'conner of National Cab requested that the Color Scheme change for Item 2 be delayed until March 1. Mr. Bjhan Johal requested that his change take place prior to March 1. Motion McGuire, 2nd Sweet to approve change immediately. Motion passes 6-0.

Item 5 Commission Announcements: Commissioner Franklin thanked everyone who has been participating on the Ramped Taxi work group. Commissioner McGuire requested updates on out-of-town cabs and Limos, an update on the solicitation ordinance and requested that the PUC respresentative be asked back to address the Commission. Commissioner Sweet asked for updates on the Board of Permit Appeals process, and the Budget. She also noted recently good service in the Bayview by Luxor Cab Co., despite poor weather.

Item 6 Hearing to adopt Resolution requesting Feasibility Study on Dispatch. Public Speakers: Barry Taranto urged the Commission to adopt the resolution now, Jean Normand stated that the Mayor's Task Force on Taxis rejected Centralized dispatch because it was dominated by companies; Mark Gruberg urged the Commission to go Forward and not to do it on the Cheap, James Maddox stated that the PDA supports the idea and added that the industry will eventually go this way on its own, Gratch Makarian stated that Centralized Dispatch was not necessary, Ron Wolter discussed the current status of current dispatch rules., Ron Zammataro stated he is opposed to the Commission spending $500,000 on a study and that 60 to 70 percent of the cabs don't take calls, Phil Anton said the city already has centralized dispatch with the Police Department and that could be studied. Bruce Oka said that he is uncomfortable with spending $500,000 and doubts the money is really there, John Roberts recommended the Luxor Cab system, Ted Maschal is offended that this amount of money would be spent and that the system could be done with a $500,000 study, Jim Gillespie said that all major companies have spent large amounts of money to improve their dispatch and that they could unite their systems without the city, George England said that Yellow cab Company should use their GPD for dispatch, Barry Korngold said Yellow cab should use their GPS for Dispatch, Johnson Akinbuse said we have examples of good Dispatch. Motion to continue the item by Wiener, 2nd by Sweet. Motion passes on a roll call vote, 4-2. Ayes: Gillespie, Sweet, Franklin, Wiener; Nayes: McGuire, Costello.

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Item 7 Hearing on Commission Taxicab Rule 5(B)(3). Motion Sweet, 2nd McGuire to approve proposed rule change to allow for cabs to be kepted a fourth year if used seven shifts or fewer. McGuires 2nd was with a "friendly" amendment to also allow a fourth year for vehicles to be used as spares. Amendment accepted by Sweet. Public Speakers: James Maddox was in favor of the motion; Charles Rathbone stated he was opposed to the use of the term shifts and suggested using hours instead, Jim Gillespie and Mark Gruberg both stated they supported the use of the 4th year as a spare, Ron Wolter questioned what the current rule was. Motion passed 6-0.

Item 8 Hearing regarding procedure for Color Schemes to Certify compliance with driving requirement. Public Speakers:Paul Zmudzinski Read a letter from Hal Melligard of Yellow Cab, James Gray said he doesn't know how the cab companies can do a better job than the Police Department, Craig O'Connor also stated he was against the proposal and that the Police Department can do a better job than the companies, Ron Wolter asked why each medallion holder can't submit a separate document, Jim Gillespie said he has a problem signing a document on something he is not sure of, Barry Taranto said there is a problem regarding waybills that are not really the right waybills, Mark Gruberg suggested maybe going wholesale to the companies instead of individual to permit holders the right way to go, John Akinbuse questioned why the Commission was trying to turn free enterprise business people into policemen. Motion Sweet, 2nd Franklin to continue item. Motion passes 6-0. Motion McGuire, 2nd Gillespie to disclose confidential letter from City Attorney regarding this issue. Motion failed 3 to 3, Ayes: McGuire, Gillespie, Costello Nayes: Weiner, Franklin, Sweet.

Item 9 Hearing on Medallion Issuance Protest Procedure. Public Speakers: Barry Taranto started to speak regarding Item 8, Kathleen Harrington doubts members of the Public care. And asked if these "witchhunts" are against specific individuals. Marg Gruberg said that there is a provision for review in Prop K. George England said that it is apparent that changes have to be made in the industry, Rua Graffis said that the 30 day rule is important and that this is not Russia. Motion to continue item McGuire, 2nd Sweet Motion passes 6-0.

Item 10 Hearing for Possible revocation of Driver Permit Held by Kenneth Aunaghise. Deputy City Attorney Paul Zarefsky advised that this item had been continued.

Item 11 Hearing for Possible revocation of Driver Permit Held by Jessica Gorton. Public Speakers: John Roberts reminded the Commission how they handled previous cases, Barry Taranto stated that there were some questions regarding this case, Ron Wolter noted that Ms. Gorton was well liked by other drivers. Officer Paul Makaveckas Presented the Department's case and Ms. Gorton presented her case. Motion Franklin, 2nd Sweet to impose a one week suspension. Motion passed 6-0. Motion Gillespie, 2nd Wiener to adopt findings as prepared by the City Attorney with two changes to item 5 and 6. Motion passed 6-0.

Item 12 Hearing for Possible revocation of Driver Permit Held by Carl Roth. Commissioner Wiener requested to be recused and was on a 5-0 vote. Public Speakers: Barry Taranto thanked the PD more making the file available. Officer Paul Makaveckas Presented the Department's case and Mr. Roth presented her case. Motion Franklin, 2nd McGuire to recommend Mr. Roth complete anger management classes. Motion approved 5-0.

Meeting Adjourned 2305 hours.

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REGULAR MEETING

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   (Draft Proposal)

8. Hearing and Discussion for Approval of Findings on the Hearing of Carl Roth ***Hearing held 02/13/2001***

9. Update from the Department on the current status of Limousine and "out-of-town taxi" enforcement.

10. Update from the Department on the current status of the Taxicab Enforcement Budget. (Copy of current budget and 2001-02 Budget request).

11. Hearing for possible revocation of Driver Public Vehicle permit of Hafiz Kazi (complaint)

12. Adjournment

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Jaubair Cassim	Anatoliy Chernobelskiy	Gennadiy Chernobelskiy	Zaher Dahbour
Hicham Farni	Grigoriy Geyvandov	Josel Gibson	Flerindo Guevara
Maxwell Heter	Anthony Kando	Adel Khamassi	Mohamed Khammassi
Abdul Khan	Jarek Kupsc	Henry Lieu	Matthew Moriarty
William Mui	Norman Ng	Thong Nguyen	Graham Norris
Romeo Qutami	Roger Rabbitte	Kuldip Ragbotra	Akram Rashidzada
Daniel Ribas	Flavio Rodriguez	Bikram Sandhu	Ossama Saboune
Romes Santos	Yan Sarnovskiy	Rajiv Sharma	Gurucharan Singh
Sukhjeet Singh	Jean Soares	Mike Strong	Suleiman Tannous
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Micheal Kipnis	1094	BW Checker Cab to SF Taxi	02/28/01

**Denotes Applicant is surrending Color Scheme permit for Taybeh Taxi.

3. Recommendation of the San Franciso Police Taxicab Detail to approve the transfer of the Metro Cab Color Scheme from Alvin Low to Richard Hybels.

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TAXICAB COMMISSION MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF February 27, 2001
Meeting called to order at 1840 hours in Room 400 City Hall

Item 1 Roll call, Commissioners Costello, Gillespie, McGuire, Sweet, Wiener Present : Franklin excused.

Item 2 Public Comment: Barry Taranto noted that he is disappointed that the Dispatch feasibility study was not approved yet, Thomas Chiocco challenged the Commission's Hearing Process; Bruce Oka, Laurie Graham, Hall Meligard, John Lazar and Ed Burke each individually urged the Commission to extend the "Ramp Taxi" program; Tara Houseman noted the "passing" of her husband John Campbell; James Maddox related a "fare dispute" argument one of his drivers had with a Hotel Doorman; Peter Witt stated his displeasure with Commissioner Gillespie; Barry Korngold commended Yellow Cab for looking into "GPS"; Alex Castro said he approved of the Department's out of town and limo enforcement efforts.

Item 3 Approval of 02/13/2001 minutes. Motion to approve Sweet, 2nd Wiener, All in favor 5-0.

Item 4 Approval of Consent Calendar. Motion to approve Wiener, 2nd Gillespie. Motion passes 5-0.

Item 5 Commission Announcements:Commissioner McGuire asked to calender an action item on 03/27 to seek appropriations for "Dispatch study" funds and requested that tonight's meeting be adjourned in the memory of John Campbell; Commissioner Sweet asked that efforts be increaced to find a Director and asked for the staus of a report on the Board of Permit Appeals; Commissioner Gillespie noted the current SPUR study on taxis. Recommendation from Commissioner Wiener to the Chair to order a Special Hearing.

Item 6 Hearing regarding procedure for Color Schemes to Certify compliance with driving requirement. Public Speakers:Barry Taranto stated he is in favor of this proposal; Jim Gillespie said this procedure is duplicative of other efforts done by the city; Jean Normand said some companies lie and this procedure is needed; Ron Zamataro said he is corcerned about the legal implications this program would cause; Hal Meligard is opposed to the procedure and noted the letter regarding this measure he submitted at the prior meeting; Rua Graffis stated that this is not like approaching an employer when you're leaving the company; Tara Houseman doesn't believe this is a privacy issue; Mark Gruberg said that the current system is toothless; Tom Stangaleni is opposed to this proposal.
Motion to Table matter by Wiener, 2nd Sweet; Motion fails on a roll call vote; Ayes: Sweet, Wiener, Nayes: Gillespie, McGuire, Costello. Motion to continue to the Call of the Chair by McGuire, 2nd Gillespie; Motion passes on a roll call vote: Ayes:Gillespie, McGuire, Seet, Costello; Nayes: Wiener.

Item 7 Hearing to approve Permit Process review period. Public Speakers: Barry Taranto said he was the person who asked for this item; Jean Normand said he is in favor of this process; Jaimie Maddox said the permits should be for people who have given a lifetime to the industry; Thomas Chiocco noted that putting this process on the agenda is a good idean, Mark Gruberg said he is in favor of this process. Motion Wiener, 2nd Gillespie to continue this item to the next hearing. Motion passes 4-0. Note* Commissioner Sweet was excused prior to the vote on this item.

Item 8 Hearing to adopt finding on the 02/13/2001 hearing on Driver Carl Roth. Item continued to next hearing due to lack of quorum for this matter.

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Item 9 Update from Department on Enforcement. Sgt. Vince Simpson presented the Department report on Limo and out-of-town cab enforcement. Public Speakers: Peter Witt wants a notice regarding this enforcement posted at the Airport; Jean Normand wants the Detail to have multiple teams out each Weekend night; Barry Taranto that this problem is greater than life and the State PUC should be involved; Rua Graffis noted that UTW has cards to note problems with limos and out-of-town cabs; Alex Castro suggested asking the Board of Supes to pass a "seizure law" on such vehicles; James Nakamura noted that Daly city looks the other way if SF Cabs pickup at the Cow Palace; Tara Houseman asked if the detail could work with other cities to get their city names on the cabs.

Item 10 Update on Budget. Motion Gillespie, 2nd Wiener to continue item. Motion passes 4-0.

Item 11 Hearing for possible revocation of Driver Public Vehicle permittee Hafiz Kazi. Public Speakers: Barry Taranto stated that he is in favor of discipline for this driver; James Nakamura suggested that these discipline hearing shouldn't be televised. Department case presented by Sergeant Vince Simpson. Mr. Kazi presented his own case. Motion to Revoke by Gillespie, 2nd Wiener. Motion passes 4-0 on a Roll call vote. Motion to adopt finding Gillespie, 2nd Weiner. Motion passes 4-0.

Meeting adjourned in Memory of Driver James Campbell at 2310 hours.

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TAXI COMMISSION AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING

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March 6, 2001 at 10:00 A.M.

City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlet Place
Room 416

1. Roll Call

2. Public Comment (**Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President of the Commission may limit total testimony time.)**

3. Discussion and possible action on extending suspension of enforcement of the prohibition on the use of Ramped Taxicab permits in in spare regular taxis, and related options pertaining to suspension of enforcement.

4. Adjournment

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TAXICAB COMMISSION MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF March 6, 2001
Meeting called to order at 1010 hours in Room 416 City Hall

Item 1 Roll call, Commissioners Costello, Gillespie, McGuire, Sweet, Wiener Present : Franklin excused.

Item 2 Public Comment: Mark Gruberg noted that the UTW and Permit Holders and Drivers Association had filed an appeal of the Planning Commission's Preliminary Negative Declaration on the issuance of 500 cabs; Barry Taranto noted that DPT is proposing higher fines for those parking in Taxi Zones and that Supervisor Newsom called for additional cabs in the neighborhoods.

Item 3 Hearing on resolution requesting suspension of enforcement of ordinances prohibiting use of Ramp Medallions in spare Taxicab Sedans. Public Speakers: Sergio Alunan suggested approval of the proposal with an expiration at the end of the year; Bruce Oka believes the companies are not taking advantage of the program and can live with a 9 month extension; Gloria Williams supports the measure on a case by case basis; David Leeder said the Permit Holders support this as a stop gap measure; Hal Mellegard said that more than six months are needed to adequately gauge the viability of other vehicles; Barry Taranto supports the recommendation because drivers need to work; Laurie Graham said this will help the drivers, medallion holders and companies to support the Ramp Taxi program; Seifu Daba supports this program; Fred Brandt said this program should be permanent; Salvador Rodriguiz supports this program; John Lazar supports the extension; Mark Gruberg noted that the companies have shifted the burden of the vehicle purchase to the drivers. Motion Sweet, 2nd McGuire to approve Resolution with an expiration date of 09/30/2001. Motion fails on a Roll Call vote 3-2; Ayes: McGuire, Sweet, Costello. Nayes: Gillespie, Wiener. Motion Gillespie, 2nd Sweet to approve Resolution with an expiration date of 01/01/2002. Motion approved 4-1 on a roll call vote: Ayes: Gillespie, Sweet, Wiener, Costello; Nayes: Mcguire.

Meeting adjourned 1115 hours.

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TAXI COMMISSION AGENDA
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March 13, 2001 at 6:30 P.M.

City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 400

1. Roll Call

2. Public Comment (**Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President of the Commission may limit total testimony time.**)

3. Approval of Minutes(minutes from February 27, 2000)

4. Approval of Consent Calendar

5. Taxi Commission Announcements
   a. Motions to Calendar New Items

6. Hearing and Discussion for Approval of Findings on the Hearing of Carl Roth ***Hearing held 02/13/2001*** *continued from 02/27/2001*(findings)

7. Update from the Department on the current status of the Taxicab Enforcement Budget. (Copy of current budget and 2001-02 Budget request). *Continued from 02/27/2001*

8. Hearing and Discussion for possible adoption of a Resolution to recommend approval of and forward to the Board of Supervisors a draft ordinance to amend Municipal Police Code Section 2.26.1 and 2.27.1 relating to Permit Filing Fees and Permit License Fees (Draft Ordinance)

9. Discussion and possible action to adopt a procedure for the process for protesting prospective issuance of medallions to individual applicants, including public review of applications and a possible thirty-day hold on completed applications to facilitate public review. *Continued from 02/27/2001*
   (Draft Proposal)

10. Adjournment

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CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Recommendation of the San Francisco Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Driver Public Passenger Vehicle permits to:

Elrashid Abbker	Amil Abdennadher Haddis Alemayehu	Ibrahim Alkurdi	
Otavio Almeida	Welington Almeida	Ali Aone	Asha Arjun
Annamukhammed Ataev	Sami Bettaibi	Gerald Deverney	Grigoriy Danilyan
Osor Ganzorig	Kamil Guril	Amanullah Hasseeb	Izharul Haque
Apollo Icdag	Sami Ip	Robert Irvine	Isaac Jackson
Lawrence James	Mehdi Karoui	Najib Kazimi	Yasushi Kikukawa
Shem Korngold	Felix Labunsky	Antonio Lima	Vrainder Malhi
Murilo Mamede	Normeval Martini	Mohammad Mazhar	Ayman Meguid
Avetis Oganezov	Olaoluwa Olaosun	Hamid Rajaoui	Wagner Rocha
Marco Santos	Marcos Santos	Jose Saucedo	Darren Vondedrick
Victor Wong	Derek Woods	David Zeller	Tommy Zeng

2. Recommendation of the San Francisco Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Color Scheme changes to:

Permittee	Cab No(s)	Proposed Change	Date of Change
Charles Kleiman	772	Yellow Cab to Regents Cab	March 14, 2001

3. Recommendation of the San Francisco Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Medallion Holder permits to:

Applicant	Medallion #	Color Scheme
Peter Delappe	965	Luxor Cab Co.
Mark Reznik	1223	Luxor Cab Co.

4. Recommendation of the San Francisco Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Ramped Taxicab Medallion Holder permits to:

Applicant	Medallion #	Color Scheme
Laurie Graham	9039	Yellow Cab Co.
Frederick Lein	9038	Yellow Cab Co.
Louis Nmezie	9046	Regents Cab Co.

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TAXICAB COMMISSION MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF March 13, 2001
Meeting called to order at 1824 hours in Room 400 City Hall

Item 1 Roll call, Commissioners Costello, Franklin, Gillespie, McGuire, Sweet, Wiener Present :

Item 2 Public Comment: Jean Normand announced that he is running against Ruach Graffis and Peter Witt for the Chair of the UTW. Patricia Breslin Thanked Mariann Costello for her Service to the City and to the Taxicab Commission. Barry Taranto announced that the Hyatt Regency will be sponsoring several events for cab drivers and that DPT is recommending raising the fine for non-taxicabs parking in a taxi zone; Tom Chiocco questioned the Commission's procedures for discipline hearings; Peter Witt discussed the Commission's prior decision to issue additional taxicab medallion permits; Mark Gruberg thanked Commissioner Costello for her work on the Commission.

Item 3 Approval of Minutes. Motion to approve Sweet, 2nd Franklin. Motion passes 6-0.

Item 4 Approval of Consent Calendar. Motion Sweet, 2nd Wiener. Motion passes 6-0.

Item 5 Commission Announcements: Commissioner McGuire requested a hearing in April regarding the five year commitment for Ramped Taxicab Medallion Holders. Commissioner Franklin apologized for missing the last Ramp Taxi Work Group meeting and then read the a Resolution from Commissioners thanking Commission President Mariann Costello for her leadership and work on the Commission. Ms. Lisa Gutierrez from the Mayor's Office then presented President Costello with a commendation from the Mayor and Captain Thomas O'Neill presented her with a commendation from the Chief of Police. Commissioner Gillespie then congratulated President Costello and also thanked her. Commissioner Costello thanked everyone including many who had served on or worked with the Commission over the past two years.

Item 6 Hearing to approve findings on Carl Roth. Commissioner Wiener recused as a continuation from the original hearing. Motion to approve Gillespie, 2nd Sweet. Motion passes 5-0.

Item 7 Update from Department on the Budget. Public Speakers: Stephen Reimers suggested raising fees to cover additional enforcement. Department Staff advised the Commission of the current status of the budget and projected timeline for the budget process.

Item 8 Hearing on resolution recommending amendment to 2.26.1 & 2.27.1 MPC. Public Speakers: Jean Normand stated that the companies should pay higher fees; Barry Taranto thanked the Department for suggesting fees that do no raise drivers fees. Motion to approve resolution Sweet, 2nd Gillespie. Motion passes on a roll call vote 6-0.

Item 9 Hearing for adoption of Permit Application Protest Process. Public Speakers: Barry Taranto thanked Paul Zarefsky for preparing the procedure and said that it should be called a review period not a hold period; Jean Normand congratulated those who put together the document; Mark Gruberg noted that Ramp Taxicab had been left out. Motion Wiener, 2nd Gillespie to approve procedure, including amendment to include language clarifying inclusion of Ramp Taxis. Motion passes 6-0 on a Roll Call Vote.

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Meeting Adjourned at 1945 hours in Honor of President Costello.

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1. Roll Call

2. Public Comment (**Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President of the Commission may limit total testimony time.)**

3. Approval of Minutes (minutes from March 6, 2001 and March 13, 2001)

4. Approval of Consent Calendar

5. Taxi Commission Announcements
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6. Status update from Department on Security Cameras.

7. Hearing for Possible Revocation of the Driver Public Vehicle Permit held by Thomas Chiocco, *continued from 9/12/2000 hearing.* (Complaint)

8. Election of Commission President and Vice-President.

9. Adjournment

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Syed Afzal	Johnson Akinbodunse	Tai Seng Chan	James Betheil
Majid Ghorbani	Bela Harcos	George Horbal	Honorio Juan
Wendy Keys	Kenneth Lindquist	Barbara Messmore	Nick Nichols
Lonnie Pasquini	Abbas Saatsaz	Stephen Saw	William Saw
Kurt Schumacher	Cyrus Sheikholeslami	Gary Shukman	Manjit Singh
William Sofko	Seyedahmad Tavakoli		

FOR RAMPED TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER

Getahun Assefa	Orlando David	Alan Lee	Wossen Endalkachew
Kenneth Liang	Rashid Radwan		

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1. Roll Call

2. Closed Session on existing Litigation
   a. Public Comment on all matters pertaining to the closed session.
   b. Vote on whether to hold closed session to confer with legal counsel (San Francisco Administrative Code sec.67.10(d). (Action)
   c. Closed session pursuant to Government Code sec. 54956.9 and San Francisco Administrative Code sec. 67.10(d)
      CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION (Discussion and Possible Action)
      Matthew Wong, (Appeal No. 00-036; filed March 15, 2000)
   d. Reconvene in open session
      (i) Possible report on action taken in closed session (Government Code sec. 54957.1(a)(2) and San Francisco Administrative Code sec. 67.12(a)). (Action)
      (ii) Vote on whether to disclose any or all discussions held in closed session (San Francisco Administrative Code sec. 67.12(a)). (Action)

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7. Presentation by Bonnie Nelson of *Nelson/Nygard Consulting Associates* regarding the scope of SPUR's Taxi Strategy Report and the feasability and possible costs of a Dispatch study.

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William Sofko	Seyedahmad Tavakoli		

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TAXICAB COMMISSION MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF March 27, 2001
Meeting called to order at 1837 hours in Room 400 City Hall

Item 1 Roll call, Commissioners Franklin, Gillespie, McGuire, Sweet, Wiener Present :

Item 2 Closed Session-Existing Litigation .Public Speakers:Ron Wolter stated that he does not understand why this case has taken so long, Barry Taranto urged the Commission not to vote for continuance if that is the issue; Mark Gruberg urged the Commission to disclose any decision made. Commissioner McGuire requested to be recused, Motion Gillespie, 2nd Wiener to recuse McGuire approved 4-0. Closed session held. Upon recovening, Commissioner Franklin reported no actin was taken. Motion Gillespie, 2nd Wiener not to disclos. Motion approved 4-0.

Item 3 Public Comment: Olivio Daligacom apoke regarding the issuance of 500 additional cabs; Barry Taranto noted that the Airport was having a meeting on taxi issues on Thursday; Gerad Roybal spoke on behalf of the Port of San Francisco and expressed the Port's intention to work with the taxi industry to improve Taxi service at the Port; Tom Stangallini spoke regarding problems cabs have with the way the cab lines are setup at the port; Gary Teele discussed how slow business is currently; Steve Huff spoke regarding how slow business is right now; Jean Normand spoke regarding how slow business is and the lack of money being made by driving; Peter Witt accused the Commission of neglect, conspiracy and contempt in voting to put out 500 cabs; Heidi Maechan spoke on behalf of Supervisor Newsom in support of a study on Centralized Dispatch; Art Lembke spoke regardint unity within the industry.

Item 4 Approval of Minutes. Motion to approve Sweet, 2nd Wiener. Motion passes 5-0.

Item 5 Approval of Consent Calendar. Request by Commissioner McGuire to sever Color Scheme Change request by Lawrence Russell. Motion to approve remainder of calendar by McGuire, 2nd by Sweet. Motion passes 5-0. Public Speakers: Craig O'Conner on behalf of National Cab Co. spoke in opposition of the change until such time that Mr. Russell pays National Cab back owed monies. Barry Taranto spoke against the change on behalf of drivers waiting for medallions. Motion to continue item by Gillespie, 2nd Sweet. Motion passes 5-0.

Item 6 Commission Announcements: Commissioner Wiener requested a hearing on neighborhood cab stands. Commissioner McGuire requested hearing to adopt a commission policy on color scheme changes, increase in the frequency of vehicle inspections and for requesting dipatch survey funds.

Item 7 Presentation by SPUR. Bonnie Nelson gave a brief presentation outlining the scope of the current study of the Taxicab Industry being undertaken by her firm on behalf of SPUR. Public Speakers: Barry Taranto spoke in favor of SPUR doing the study; Jean Normand is happy that spur is doing the study; Ed Burke stated that Luxor Cab has more advanced than the remainder of the industry; Peter Witt thanked SPUR for doing the study.

Item 8 Update from Department on Security Cameras. Item continued until further information becomes available.

Item 9 Hearing on possible revocation of Driver permit of Thomas Chiocco. Public Speakers: Peter Witt stated that some discipline should have been taken earlier. Officer Lisa Frazier presented the Department case. Mr. Chiocco represented himself. Rebuttals by Sgt. Vince Simpson for the Department and Mr. Chiocco for himself. Motion Sweet, 2nd Gillespie to revoke Mr. Chiocco's permit. Motion passes 4-1on a Roll call vote; Ayes: Gillespie, Sweet, Wiener, Franklin; Nayes: McGuire. Motion Gillespie, 2nd Sweet to adopt findings. Motion passes 5-0.

Item 10 Elections: Motin Franklin, 2nd Gillespie to approve Commissioner Sweet as Commission President. Motion passes 5-0. Motion Franklin, 2nd Wiener to approve Commissioner Gillespie as Commission Vice-President. Motion passes 5-0. No public speakers.

Meeting Adjourned at 2230 hours in Honor of President Costello.

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TAXI COMMISSION AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

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1. Roll Call

2. Public Comment (**Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President of the Commission may limit total testimony time.)**

3. Approval of Minutes (minutes from March 27)

4. Approval of Consent Calendar

5. Taxi Commission Announcements
   a. Motions to Calendar New Items

6. Hearing and discussion for possible approval of the Color Scheme Change request submitted by Lawrence Russel. Item continued from the March 27, 2001 hearing (application and agreement between Color Schemes).

7. Hearing and discussion for possible approval of the Medallion Holder application submitted by Wendy Keys. (application filed by applicant and protest letter filed by citizen).

8. Hearing and discussion on the recommendation of the Taxicab Detail to restore Mr. Alexander Roytman to the correct position on the Applicant Waiting List. (Report from Taxicab Detail).

9. Hearing and discussion for possible adoption of Commission guidelines for Color Scheme changes. (Proposed list of guidelines).

10. Adjournment

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1. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Driver Public Passenger Vehicle permits to:

Yousef Abuqare	Nasser Adeel	Jamshaid Ahsan	Getachew Asrat
Manjit Aulakh	Walid Ayari	Orlanz Bacardi	Yousef Barakat
Jamel Bouzidi	Fabio Carvalho	Leslie Chiang	Hy Chiem
Marcelo Costa	Ronan Costa	Tong Chau	Barbara Crittle
Zozimo Gerolineto	Andrey Golunov	Rusty Ixanov	Elendu James
George Kakar	Maqbool Khan	Stefan Kostadinov	Robson Lauritzen
Ben Mabrook	Erik Markarov	Paulo Marques	Charles Miqueloni
Valdivino Moura	James Nixon	Jairo Nunez	Hisham Oran
Singh Nirmaljit	Hanif Palya	Ronald Pelland	Najib Popal
Musharef Poswal	Singh Sandeep	Mohamad Qutteineh	Said Rahal
Haroon Rana	Yahya Salih	Marcio Sanchez	Rajbir Sandhu
Edson Santos	Muthana Shaibi	Allessandro Silva	Gurlash Singh
Gurmeet Singh	Ragwinder Singh	Rajinder Singh	Ranjit Singh
Yuriy Stetsyuk	Ikatar Sodhi	JohnnyTawasha	Mesfin Tesfaye
Tommy To	Rita Tompkins	Vance Twiggs	Hasib Waiz
Brett Williams	Jason Yip	Tarek Oueslati	Victor Queiroz

2. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Color Scheme changes to:

Permittee	Cab No.	Proposed Change	Date of Change
Franklin Nunley	757	Bay Cab to CityWide Taxi	4/11/2001
Bader Erikat	1286	Crown Cab to United Cab	4/11/2001

3. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Medallion Holder permits to:

Applicant	Medallion #	Color Scheme
Syed Afzal	1305	Luxor Cab Co.
Johnson Akinbodunse	1293	Yellow Cab Coop
James Betheil	1299	Yellow Cab Coop
Tai Seng Chan	1290	Yellow Cab Coop
Majid Ghorbani	1287	Crown Cab Co.
Bela Harcos	1296	DeSoto Cab Co.
George Horbal	1303	Yellow Cab Coop
Honorio Juan	1295	Luxor Cab Co.
Kenneth Lindquist	1192	Luxor Cab Co.
Barbara Messmore	1298	Yellow Cab Coop
Nick Nichols	1301	Yellow Cab Coop
Lonnie Pasquini	1300	National Cab Co.
Abbas Saatsaz	1281	Town Taxi
Stephen Saw	1289	DeSoto Cab Co.
William Saw	1288	Regents Cab Co.
Kurt Schumacher	1292	DeSoto Cab Co.
Cyrus Sheikholeslami	1302	Crown Cab Co.
Gary Shukman	1294	DeSoto Cab Co.
Manjit Singh	1291	B&W Checker Cab
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Seyedahmed Tavakoli	1306	Yellow Cab Coop

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4. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Ramped taxicab Medallion Holder permits, conditional upon their obtaining a vehicle and placing the medallion into service within 120 days:.

Applicant	Medallion #	Color Scheme
Getahun Assefa	9064	DeSoto Cab Co.
Orlando David	9065	Luxor Cab Co.
Wossen Endalkachew	9047	Yellow Cab Co.
Alan Lee	9066	Luxor Cab Co.
Kenneth Liang	9054	Regents Cab Co.
Radwan Rashid	9067	Yellow Cab Coop

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Edward Ratiner

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TAXICAB COMMISSION MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF April 10, 2001
Meeting called to order at 1838 hours in Room 400 City Hall

Item 1 Roll call, Commissioners Franklin, Gillespie, McGuire, Sweet, Wiener Present :

Item 2 Public Comment: Barry Taranto made an analogy between cab driving and Passover and noted that some drivers had devoted much time to the industry; Anne McVeigh discussed the issue of seniority for drivers; Art Lembke spoke on behalf of Medallion applicant George Horbal; George Horbal thanked the Commission for issuing him a medallion; Barbra Messmore thanked the Commission for issueing her a medallion and praised Nate Dwiri for his innovations for the industry; Joseph Gleischman discussed the issuance of 500 cabs and seniority for drivers; Peter Witt asked when the next PCN hearing is; John Akinbodunse commented on the protest letter submitted by UTW; George England discussed the seniority system for drivers and parking problems at 555 California St.

Item 3 Approval of Minutes. Motion to approve Wiener, 2nd Franklin. Motion passes 5-0.

Item 4 Applicants Ghorbani, Pasquini, Sheikholeslami, W. Saw, Juan, M. Singh and Akinbodunse severed due to protest submitted. Motion Gillespie, 2nd Franklin to approve remainder of Consent Calendar. Motion approved 5-0. The severed applicants were then questioned individually by the Commissioners. Public Speakers: Art Lembke and Tara Housman spoke in favor of approving Johnson Akinbodunse, Barry Taranto spoke in furtherance of his protests of Lonnie Pasquini, Honorio Juan and Johnson Akinbodunse.. Motion Gillespie, 2nd Franklin to approve Ghorbani; Motion Gillespie, 2nd Franklin to approve Pasquini; Motion Franklin, 2nd Wiener to approve Sheikholeslami; Motion Wiener, 2nd Franklin to approve W. Saw; Motion Franklin, 2nd Wiener to approve Juan; Motion Franklin, 2nd Wiener to approve Singh; Motion Franklin, 2nd Gillespie to approve Akinbodunse. All motions passed 5-0.

Item 5 Commission Announcements: Commissioner McGuire asked the Department and City Attorney's Office for further investigation regarding the passing of Medallion Holder D. Tober #758; and for the calendering to the call of the chair a hearing on vehicle inspections; Commissioner Wiener asked for a hearing on Neighborhood cab stands; Commissioner Sweet advised she was scheduling a closed session on personnel matters.

Item 6 Color Scheme Change request of Lawrence Russel. Motion to approve Gillespie, 2nd Franklin; Motion approved 5-0.

Item 7 Hearing on Medallion Holder permit application of Wendy Keys. Applicant Keys submitted a letter withdrawing her application prior to the hearing.

Item 8 Hearing to restore applicant Alexander Roytman to the correct position on the applicant waiting list. Motion Wiener, 2nd Gillespie to approve. Motion approved 5-0.

Item 9 Hearing for Color Scheme Guidelines: Public Speakers: Ruach Graffis said it is important to allow holder to move from one company to another when necessary; Ed Burke said that it is all about the money; Barry Taranto said he was in favor of this proposal; Tara Houseman was in favor of the proposal with some changes; George England said he was in favor of the proposal. Motion Gillespie, 2nd Wiener to continue item to call of the Chair. Motion approved 5-0.

Meeting adjourned 2055 hours.

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TAXI COMMISSION AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

April 24, 2001 at 6:30 P.M.

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Room 400

1. Roll Call

2. Public Comment on All Matters Pertaining to Closed Session on Existing Litigation (Items 4A and first half of 4C).

3. Public Comment on All Matters Pertaining to Closed Session on Public Employment/Hiring (Items 4B and second half of 4C).

4. Closed Session

   A. Closed Session on Existing Litigation

      (i) Vote on whether to hold closed to confer with legal counsel (San Francisco Administrative Code sec. 67.10(d)). (Action)

      (ii) Closed session pursuant to Government Code sec. 5456.9 and San Francisco Administrative Code sec. 67.10(d): CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Discussion and Possible Action). *Matthew Wong, Appellant v. Taxi Commission, Respondent,* Board of Appeals, City and County of San Francisco (Appeal No. 00-036; filed March 15, 2000).

   B. Closed Session on Public Employment/Hiring: Executive Director

      Closed Session pursuant to Government Code sec. 54957 and and San Francisco Administrative Code sec. 67.10(b): NOMINATION OF CANDIDATE(S) (TO THE MAYOR) FOR APPOINTMENT AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMISSION. (Discussion and Possible Action)

   C. Reconvene in open session:

      <u>Regarding closed session on existing litigation</u>
      (i) Possible report on action taken in closed session (Action)
      (ii) Vote on whether to disclose any or all discussions held in closed session (San Francisco Administrative Code sec. 678.12(a) (Action)

      <u>Regarding closed session on public employment/hiring</u>
      (i) Possible report on action taken recommending nomination of candidate(s) for appointment as Executive Director. (Action)

      (ii) Vote to elect whether to disclose any or all discussions held in closed session (San Francisco Administrative Code sec. 67.12(a).) (Action)

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5. Public Comment (**Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President of the Commission may limit total testimony time.)**

6. Approval of Minutes (minutes from April 10)

7. Approval of Consent Calendar

8. Taxi Commission Announcements
   a. Motions to Calendar New Items

9. Hearing for possible revocation of the Medallion Holder permit held by Bhavna Shah. (Complaint)

10. Hearing for possible revocation of the Medallion Holder permit held by Victor Woon. (Complaint)

12. Hearing and discussion for possible adoption of Commission guidelines for Color Scheme changes. (Proposed list of guidelines). *Item continued from the April 10, 2001 hearing.*

13. Adjournment

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Said Belayadi	Djamel Bouchlaleg	Lucilene Castro	Steve Cooney
Abdul Durrani	Hazem Elsharkawi	Leonardo Ferreira	Chakhine Gousseinov
Michail Jakobciuk	Young Kim	John Klein	Igor Kogan
Ajay Kumar	Behajlu Mekbib	Eahd Mjalli	Nordean Moussaoui
Zaw Naing	Purevsuren Nasanzayat	Aleksandr Osipov	Abdelwahab Ouchene
Leonardo Perez	Mauro Pinheiro	Deepak Prasai	Igor Pyankov
Samer Salameh	Naum Shmilovitch	Singpheng Siharath	Tesfaye Sima
Daler Singh	Lashkar Singh	Manpreet Singh	Narinder Singh
Pargat Singh	Gennadiy Spektor	Armen Vertanyan	Walid Wahed
Wayne Wu	Marina Zhalkovsky		

2. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Medallion Holder permits to:

Applicant	Medallion #	Color Scheme
Edward Ratiner	758	United Cab
Antonio Vasquez	53	Luxor Cab

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3. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Ramped taxicab Medallion Holder permits, conditional upon their obtaining a vehicle and placing the medallion into service within 120 days:.

Applicant	Medallion #	Color Scheme
Elias Negash	9069	Desoto Cab Co.
Jian Zhou	9068	Yellow Cab Co.

4. Recommendation of the San Francisco Taxicab Detail for approval of a Color scheme change change to Getahun Assefa Medallion #9064 from Desoto Cab to Luxor Cab. Note* this item serves as a correction from the April 10, 2001 consent calendar.

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Howard Gregory

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TAXICAB COMMISSION MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF April 24, 2001
Meeting called to order at 1840 hours in Room 400 City Hall

Item 1 Roll call, Commissioners Franklin, Gillespie, McGuire, Sweet, Wiener Present :

Item 2 and 3 Public Comment on Closed Session: Bill Holobaugh discussed the Commission's accomplishments and or lack of action to this point.

Item 4 Motion Gillespie, 2nd Wiener to hold closed session. Motion approved 5-0 with request by McGuire to be recused on item 4 A ii. Motion Gillespie, 2nd Wiener not to disclose actions taken in closed session. Motion approved 5-0.

Item 5 Public Comment: Peter Von Wiegand spoke in opposition to adding 500 more cabs, Mark Gruberg discussed the hourly earnings decrease for drivers during the first quarter and labor problems at the Marriot Hotel, Charles Walker spoke infavor of additional cab stands, Laurie Graham briefed the Commission on the status of the rear-entry ramped taxicab trials, Barry Taranto discussed the current prise of gasoline and that limousines are still soliciting fares and that he looks into people that do not have a long history of driving, James Maddox urged the Commission to set aside the decision on 500 cabs and advised that the PDA will be filing an appeal on their lawsuit regarding Prop K., George England discused the 156 shifts to get a medallion.

Item 6 Approval of minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of 04/10/2001 by Franklin, 2nd Gillespie; Motion approved 5-0.

Item 7 Consent Calendar: Public Speakers Barry Taranto asked to sever applicants Negash and Ratiner. Motion to approve remainder of consent calendar by Gillespie, 2nd McGuire- Motion approved 5-0. Applicant Negash questioned by Commissioners then a motion by Gillespie, 2nd Wiener to approve passed 5-0. Applicant Ratiner questioned by the Commissioners then requested a two week continuance under the guidelines.

Item 8 Commission Announcements: Commissioner Wiener announced that a cab stand will be operative in front of City Hall tomorrow. Commissioner McGuire asked for reports on medallions not yet returned due to probate, on the 2000 Prop. K audits, and enforcement of shuttles and limousines. Commissioner Gillespie requested a hearing on reducing the ramp taxi requirement from 5 to 3 years.

Commissioner McGuire recused for items 9 and 10.

Item 9 Hearing on Bhavna Shah. Officer John Nevin presented the case for the department, and Bhavna Shah spoke on her own behalf. Motion to revoke by Franklin, 2nd Gillespie. Motion approved 4-0.

Item 10 Hearing on Victor Woon. Officer John Nevin spoke on behalf of the Department and Attorney Norman Lew spoke on behalf of Mr. Woon. Motion Weiner, 2nd Franklin to continue the case to the 5/22 hearing. Motion approved 4-0.

Item 11 Hearing for Color Scheme Guidelines: Public Speakers: James Maddox stated that he was opposed to the guidelines and Barry Taranto spoke in favor of the guidelines. Item was continued to the 5/8 hearing.

Meeting adjourned 2135 hours.

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TAXI COMMISSION AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

May 8, 2001 at 6:30 P.M.

City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 400

1. Roll Call

2. Public Comment (**Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President of the Commission may limit total testimony time.)**

3. Approval of Minutes (minutes from April 10)

4. Approval of Consent Calendar

5. Taxi Commission Announcements
   a. Motions to Calendar New Items

6. Presentation by the Port of San Francisco regarding Taxicab Service at the cruise passenger terminal.

7. Presentation on "rear entry" Ramped Taxicabs by Simon Jones of Liberty Motors.

8. Hearing and Discussion for Approval of Finding on the Hearing of Bhavna Shah *item continued from the April 24, 2001 hearing* (findings)

9. Hearing and discussion for possible approval of the Medallion Holder application submitted by Edward Ratiner *Item continued from the April 24, 2001 hearing.*

10. Hearing for possible revocation of the Medallion Holder permit held by Edmund Jung. (Complaint)

11. Hearing for possible revocation of the Medallion Holder permit held by Ping Yick. (Complaint)

12. Hearing for Possible Revocation of the Driver Public Vehicle Permit held by Brahim Brakini. (Complaint)

13. Hearing for Possible Revocation of the Driver Public Vehicle Permit held by Diedre Mack-Williams. (Complaint)

14. Hearing and discussion for possible action to adopt Commission rules for Color Scheme changes. (Proposed list of guidelines). *Item continued from the April 24, 2001 hearing.*

15. Adjournment

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Taxicab Commission Agenda
Regular Meeting
May 8, 2001, at 6:30 p.m.
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CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Driver Public Passenger Vehicle permits to:

Jemai Ali	Ruben Babakhanov	Jadambaa Batzorig	Celestus Blair
Paulo Busetto	Sainbileg Buudai	Anouar Chafik	Hin Chan
Tesdaye Chuffa	Yuri Coelho	Thomas Cunningham	Cleusenir Dias
Mohammad Faisal	Monika Fuchs	Monish Ganger	Ronnie Gardner
Curtis Grant	Michael Henry	Mohammad Hussain	Salim Khassa
Fayyaz Khan	Patrice Koffi	Kenny Lau	Ricky Leung
Stanislav Litvinsky	Douglas MacKay	Wlater Mackins	Alvin Mallari
Samir Messaoudi	Said Mouhtaj	Eudes Moura	Joab Nascimento
Louis Peppars	Fazal Rabbi	Alaa Rashid	Tanka Rayacchetry
Kira Rosenberger	Arwinder Singh	Gurcharan Singh	Manvir Singh
Sukhwinderdeep Singh	Kevin Soi	James Strope	Danny Tran
Tan Tran	Oke Umeugoji	Vitor Valle	Wally Walizada
Farhad Zand			

2. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Medallion Holder permits to:

Applicant	Medallion #	Color Scheme
Howard Gregory	1297	Yellow Cab Co.

3. Recommendation of the San Francisco Taxicab Detail for approval of a Color scheme change change to:

Permittee	Cab No(s)	Proposed Change	Date of Change
Evern Byrd	1031	Regents Cab to Service Cab	May 9, 2001

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FOR TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER:	FOR RAMPED TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER
None	None

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TAXICAB COMMISSION MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF May 08, 2001
Meeting called to order at 1837 hours in Room 400 City Hall

Item 1 Roll call, Commissioners Franklin, Gillespie, McGuire, Sweet, Wiener Present :

Item 2 Public Comment: Barry Taranto congratulated Howard Gregory for his medallion and requested the scheduling of a PUC representative to speak at a hearing; Joe Fleischman spoke against the commission always revoking for non-driving violations; Tom Diesso spoke in favor of raising fares to comver increased costs of gasoline.

Item 3 Approval of Minutes. None to approve

Item 4 Motion Franklin, 2nd Wiener to approve motion passed 5-0.

Item 5 Commission Announcements: Commissioner Wiener announced that the City Hall cab stand was up and running; Commissioner Sweet announced that she intends to schedule a hearing to develop a procedure to allow for procedures to handle cases against long term drivers.

Calendar items were then called out of order:

Item 7 Presentation on Rear Entry Taxicabs. Simon Jones of Liberty Motors gave a brief presentation on Rear Entry Ramped Taxicabs. No public comment.

Item 8 Hearing to approve the findings on the Revocation of Medallion Holder Bhavna Shah, continued from 04/24/2001, Commissioner McGuire recused. Motion to approve findings Gillespie, 2nd Franklin. Motion passes 4-0.

Item 9 Hearing on the Medallion Holder application of Edward Ratiner. Item withdrawn by applicant. Public Comment: Barry Taranto suggested that the applicant be charged with filing a false application.

Item 12 Hearing for possible revocation of the Driver Public Vehicle permit held by Brahim Brakini. Public Speakers: Barry Taranto said he was in favor of revoking Mr. Brakini's permit. Department case presented by Insp. Suslow. Mr. Brakini was not present. Motion to revoke Wiener, 2nd Franklin. Motion passes 5-0. Motion to adopt findings Gillespie, 2nd Franklin. Motion passes 5-0.

Item 13 Hearing for possible revocation of the Driver Public Vehcile permit held by Diedre Mack-Williams. Department case presented by Insp. Suslow. Ms. Williams chose not to speak. Motion to revoke Franklin, 2nd Gillespie. Motion passes 5-0. Motion to approve findings, Franklin, 2nd Gillespie. Motion passes 5-0.

Item 6 Presentation regarding passenger service at the Port of San Francisco. Presentation made by Gerald Roybal of the Port Authority. Public Speakers: Barry Taranto said that copies of the Posrt schedules should be given to the dispatch offices. John Gane suggested posting the ship schedule outside the piers.

Item 10 Hearing for possible revocation of the Medallion Holder permit held by Edmund Jung. No public speakers. Commissioner McGuire recused. Presentation by Off. John Nevin for the Department, Attorney John Prentis and company Manager Craig Oconner for Mr. Jung. Motion to revoke Weiner, 2nd Gillespie. Motion passes 4-0.

Item 11 Hearing for possible revocation of the Medallion Holder permit held by Ping Yick. No public speakers. Commissioner McGuire recused. Presentation by Off. John Nevin for the Department, Attorney James Margolis Mr. Yick.. Motion to revoke Franklin, 2nd Gillespie. Motion fails 3-1. Motion to continue Wiener, 2nd Gillespie. Motion passes 4-0.

Item 14 Hearing to adopt procedure for Color Scheme Changes. Public Speakers: Joe Fleischman stated that he was opposed to the rules. Barry Taranto stated that he was in favor of proposal #1. Two sample drafts submitted by City Attorney Paul Zarefsky. Motion to approve draft #2 by Wwiener, 2nd Gillespie. Motion passes 4-1 on a roll call vote. Ayes: Franklin, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet; Nayes: McGuire.

Meeting adjourned 2137 hours.

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TAXI COMMISSION AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

May 22, 2001 at 6:30 P.M.

City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 400

1. Roll Call
2. Public Comment (**Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President of the Commission may limit total testimony time.)**
3. Approval of Minutes (minutes from April 24 and May 8, 2001)
4. Approval of Consent Calendar
5. Taxi Commission Announcements
   a. Motions to Calendar New Items
6. Hearing and Discussion for Approval of Findings on the Hearing of Edmund Jung, ***Hearing held 05/08/2001.*** (Findings)
7. Hearing for possible revocation of the Medallion Holder permit held by Victor Woon. *Continued from 04/24/2001*(Complaint)
8. Adjournment

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Taxicab Commission Agenda
Regular Meeting
May 22 12, 2001, at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 400

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Driver Public Passenger Vehicle permits to:

Amechi Agbakahi	Khadzhiumer Akhmedov	Isaac Alfandary	Paulo Carrilho
Kai Chen	Lahcen Chnaf	Min Choi	Jimmy Chow
Batsaikhan Chulum	Richard Cronin	Felipe Deabreu	Osmar Delima
Orion Dias	Collie Downer	Esberto Duarte	Ihsan Elouafi
Nafi Fadhil	James Fairley	Hung Hoang	Salvador Iraheta
Tulga Lagnaidorj	Sharon Liang	Jian Lin	Khalid Malik
Ahmed Moniem	Matthew McKenzie	Tin Naing	Ignatius Nnaemeka
Ghermai Ogbe	Cristiano Pinheiro	Safeer Raja	Leonardo Ribas
Youssef Sairi	Togtohbayar Samba	Brendan Schoenwetter	Vasiliy Shepelev
Isaak Shvartsman	Andre Smith	Lee Stoneman	Boris Vanchinsambuu
Yvan Vizcardo	Ahmad Wasin	Tahar Zouaoui	

2. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Wrap Changes conditional upon both Wraps to commence no sooner than June 1, 2001 and to end no later than June 30, 2001

Company	Medallion Holder	Wrap	Cab Number	
National	Kevin McNanee		Ultimate TV	1285
National	Roy Curry		Ultimate TV	856

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TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER:		RAMPED TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER
Shahram Amirehsani,	Nathaniel Kassa	Bon Huey
Michael Murray	Long Ngo	Linus Oha
Jasvir Singh	Charles Strang	
Kulbir Zenda		

COLOR SCHEME CHANGES

Charles Bernstein	Medallion 307	From Desoto Cab to National Cab
Jaser Khalil	Medallion 9049	From Town Taxi to Desoto Cab
Mohammad Noor	Medallion 9012	From Town Taxi to Desoto Cab
Mohamed Shah	Medallion 1234	From BW Checker to Alpha Cab Co.**

**This request is also for a new Color Scheme permit to create Alpha Cab.

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TAXICAB COMMISSION MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF May 22, 2001
Meeting called to order at 1837 hours in Room 400 City Hall

Item 1 Roll call, Commissioners Breslin, Leong, Franklin, Gillespie, McGuire, Wiener Present: Sweet Excused

Items 6 and 7 taken out of order.

Item 6 Hearing to adopt findings on Edmund Jung- Motion Wiener, 2nd Franklin to continue item. Motion passes 3-0. Bowman, Breslin, McGuire recused

Item 7 Hearing on possible revocation of Victor Woon - Motion Wiener, 2nd Franklin to continue item. Motion passes 3-0. Bowman, Breslin, McGuire recused

Item 2 Public Comment: Mark Gruberg gave the commissions a copy of one of his waybills and discussed how slow the cab business is right now; Robert Cesana asked the Commission to suspend revocations of Prop K permittees;James Maddoxsuggested adjusting shift times to increase availability of cabs without adding cabs. Carl Macmudo discussed MPC section 1090 and requested that the Commission ask the Board of Supervisors to revise the section; James Kennedy discussed his complaint against the Commission regarding the March 6, 2001 hearing; Barry Taranto lectured the new commissioners on what he believes they should do.

Item 3 Approval of Minutes. Motion to approve Wiener, 2nd Franklin - Motion passes 6-0.

Item 4 Consent Calendar. Item 2 of consent calendar severed. Motion Franklin, 2nd Wiener to approve remainder of consent calendar - motion passed 6-0. On item 2- public speakers Bary Taranto stated that he felt there was no need for these unless the drivers got some venefit, Robert Cesnan spoke briefly about how these related to ramped taxis. Christy Leth of Eller Taxi Media answered Commissioners questions regarding the wraps. Motion Wiener, 2nd Franklin to approve the wraps. Motion passes on a roll call vote: Ayes: Breslin, Franklin, Leong, Wiener. Nayes: Gillespie, McGuire

Item 5 Commission Announcements: Commissioner Franklin requested hearings on recommendation for expending wrapped taxi funds and a discussion on ramped taxis. Commissioner McGuire requested an investigation into possible gate cap violations, a hearing to add a rule requiring the posting of gate fees and noted prior requests for ireports on the 2000 Prop K audits and status on medallions in probate etc.

Meeting adjourned 1915 hours.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Driver Public Passenger Vehicle permits to:

David Abu-Ghosh	Hussam Abukhalaf	Jaime Arguelles	Yared Asnake
Clovis Barbosa	Chad Bell	James Bradley	Stevenski Brewster
Bart Burchards	Sandeep Buttar	Phat Chau	John Coetzee
Luciano Dias	Dmitry Eilen	Sandor Endredy	Bradford Gates
Ashok Gautam	Marouane Gnaien	Charles Harris	Douglas Hom
Justin Keisel	Ehsanullah Khushzad	Fabio Kohara	Maher Lakhal
Kent Liscum	Sameh Mohamed	Alex Mojaisky	Tim Pham
Richard Phung	Jon Provost	Yan Rai	Oly Ribeiro
Wilson Saw	Taptej Singh	Sean Standridge	Steven Steiner
Erik Thorsen	Uluc Turan		

2. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Color Scheme Changes to:

Medallion Holder	Cab #	Change	Effective Date
Charles Bernstein	307	From Desoto Cab to National Cab	06/13/2001
Jaser Khalil	9049	From Town Taxi to Desoto Cab	06/13/2001
Mohammad Noor	9012	From Town Taxi to Desoto Cab	06/13/2001
Mohamed Shah	1234	From BW Checker to Alpha Cab Co.	06/13/2001

3. Recommendation of the San Francisco Police Taxicab Detail for approval of a Color Scheme Permit to Mohamed Shah to operate Alpha Cab Co. at 77 Charter Oak St.

4. Recommendation of the San Francisco Police Taxicab Detail to transfer the Town Taxi Color Scheme permit to the Town Taxi radio dispatch service EHR, Inc.

5. Recommendation of the San Francisco Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Medallion Holder permits to:

Applicant	Medallion #	Color Scheme
Shahram Amirehsani	177	National Cab
Nathaniel Kassa	309	SF Taxi
Micheal Murray	468	Luxor Cab
Long V. Ngo	467	Luxor Cab
Jasvir Singh	758	Yellow Cab
Charles Strang	466	Desoto Cab
Kulbir Zenda	178	United Cab

6. Recommendation of the San Francisco Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Ramped Taxicab Medallion Holder permits to:

Applicant	Medallion #	Color Scheme
Bon Huey	9036	Regents Cab Co..
Linus Oha	9060	Regents Cab Co.

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Taxicab Commission Agenda
Regular Meeting
June 12, 2001, at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 400

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TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER:
None

RAMPED TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER
None

COLOR SCHEME CHANGES

Giuseppe Carvelli	527	From Metro Cab to Royal Taxi
Bruno Cavaleri	155	From Metro Cab to Royal Taxi
Ronald Goldberg	412	From National Cab to Regents Cab
Martin Mar	1130	From Royal Taxi to Desoto Cab
William Qutami	1280	From Royal Taxi to Desoto Cab
Samson Tam	9073	From Yellow Cab to Regents Cab
Guey Wong	832	From Regents Cab to Diamond Cab

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TAXICAB COMMISSION MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF June 12, 2001
Meeting called to order at 1833 hours in Room 400 City Hall

Item 1 Roll call, Commissioners Breslin, Leong, Gillespie, McGuire, Wiener, Sweet Present: Franklin 3 minutes late.

Item 2 Public Comment: Bruce Oka spoke regarding proper training of ramped taxi drivers for securing of passengers; Robert Cessana discussed the Commission holding revocation hearings on Prop K medallion holders; Louie Ladow, Mary Ratlee, Jim Battles, Walter Hu all stated they wished to give their time to Peter Witt; Barry Taranto said he obvserved an out of cab taxi and that he wanted some items on the consent calendar severed; Bill Holobaugh said his committee is encouraging people to make complaints on cards they are providing; Peter Von Wiegand is upset with the earnings of cab drivers right now; Peter Witt said that the Taxi Commission is not the Police Commission and that the Commission is biased and has incompentant staff; Jean Normand noted that there will be a drivers convention on July 17; James Maddox thanked the commission for the work they are doing.

Item 3 Approval of Minutes. Motion to approve Wiener, 2nd Gillespie - Motion passes 7-0.

Item 4 Consent Calendar. Items 4, 6 and applicants Singh, Ngo and Zenda from Item 5 severed. Motion to approve other items by Wiener, 2nd Gillespie, Motion passes 7-0. Inspector Suslow advised that the Detail was withdrawing its recommendation for approval on Applicant Singh and that the item be continued. Applicants Zenda was questioned by the Commissioners and approved on a Roll Call Vote, Ayes: Breslin, Franklin, Wiener Gillespie & Sweet; Nayes: Leong and McGuire(Motion by Gillespie, 2nd Wiener. Motion Gillespie, 2nd Wiener to approve Ngo, Motion passes 7-0. Motion Gillespie, 2nd Franlin, to approve applicant B. Huey of Item 6, Motion passes 7-0. Motion Gillespie, 2nd Franlin, to approve applicant L. Oha of Item 6. Motion passes 7-0. Motion Wiener, 2nd Gillespie to approve Item 4, Motion passes 7-0.

Item 5 Commission Announcements: Commissioner Gillespie noted that he has asked the detail to prepare a report on the ages of Medallion Holders and noted that the SPUR report would be ready soon, and he also noted that he had attended the Ramped Taxicab meeting. Commissioner Wiener announced there would be a hearing regarding the aipport, Commissioner McGuire requested hearings on Workers Comp, Limousines, and gate caps; Commissioner Franklin requested and update on the Security Cameras, and Commissioner Sweet clarified the calendering process.

Item 6 Hearing to adopt findings on Edmund Jung-Commissioners Bowman, Breslin, McGuire recused. Mr. Jung and his Attorney Joanne Kaufman asked for a continuance of the findings. The chair did not grant the request. Public Speakers: Joseph Fleischman spoke on behalf of Mr. Jung, Barry Taranto opposed the continuance of medallions for those not driving, Jean Normand said the medallion is a permit to work; Robert Cesanna noted that there was once a case where the Police Commission gave a medallion permit to a disabled person; Ed Burke said the medallion is not a permit to work but a business license.

Item 7 Hearing on possible revocation of Driver Vladimir Lebedyansky. No public speakers. Department case presented by Officer John Nevin. Mr. Lebedyansky spoke for himself along with Andre Belkin and Gratch Makarain; Motion Franklin, 2nd Gillespie to impose attendance at taxicab driving class and probation until 01/28/2002 to coincide with with Mr. Lebedyansky's completion of a "First Offender Program". Motion passes 5-2 on a Roll Call Vote; Ayes: Breslin, Franklin, McGuire, Gillespie, Sweet; Nayes Leong, Wiener.

Meeting adjourned 2125 hours.

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TAXI COMMISSION AGENDA
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June 26, 2001 at 6:30 P.M.

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Room 400

1. Roll Call
2. Public Comment (**Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President of the Commission may limit total testimony time.)**
3. Approval of Minutes (minutes from June 12, 2001)
4. Approval of Consent Calendar
5. Taxi Commission Announcements
   a. Motions to Calendar New Items
6. Hearing and Discussion for Approval of Findings on the Hearing of Vladimir Lebedyanskiy, ***Hearing held 06/12/2001.*** (Findings)
7. Hearing and Discussion for possible action to add Section 5 H 17 to the Taxicab Commission Rules and Regulations for Taxicab/Ramped Taxicabs. (Draft Regulation)
8. Hearing and Discussion to develop and draft Commission Rules defining what constitutes a shift for compliance with the driving requirements of Appendix 6 of the San Francisco Administrative Code and Article 16 of the Municipal Police Code.
9. Adjournment

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Robert Blake	Leonid Burlyga	Xing Chen	Konstantin Chevyrev
Billy Chiu	Hakim Chkhiro	Ian Cutherbertson	Gregory Cutino
Daniel Dabkoski	Nivla Decoy	Segundo Diaz	Olabode Dipo
Jima Dula	Antonio Fragale	David Gentry	Alexander Golts
Borhen Hammami	Thida Hlaing	Mohammad Jalous	Marcelina Magnoli
Kevin Maung	Michael Mey	Mohamed Mohamed	Nicholas Njogu
Ciaran O'Hara	Oscar Oliveira	Marshal Provost	Mohammad Safdar
Ahmed Sebiaa	Tak Shi	Ravinder Singh	Edmar Siqueira
Wai Szeto	Abdelkrim Taybi	Nilson Tostes	Paul Weiner

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TAXICAB COMMISSION MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF June 26, 2001
Meeting called to order at 1843 hours in Room 400 City Hall

Item 1 Roll call, Commissioners Breslin, Leong, Franklin, Gillespie, McGuire, Wiener, Sweet Present

Item 2 Public Comment: Barry Taranto noted that the Gay/Lesbian parade increased business over the weekend and that DPT is ticketing far more than previously; Peter Witt said that the Commission has not changed dispatch service; Stephen Reimer stated it was not fair to keep the same gate caps on companies that provide good services and equipment; Mark Gruberg stated he supports improving disability provisions in Prop K but opposes efforts to allow persons to hold medallions for life; Robert Cessana said most drivers that have stayed in the industry did so because they were promised a medallion

Item 3 Approval of Minutes. Motion to approve Wiener, 2nd Franklin - Motion passes 7-0.

Item 4 Consent Calendar. Motion Wiener, 2nd Gillespie to approve, Motion passes 7-0.

Item 5 Commission Announcements: Commissioner McGuire requested a July 10 hearing regarding DPT issuance of parking Citations to drivers.

Item 6 Hearing to adopt findings on Vladimir Lebedyankiy- Motion Gillespie, 2nd Franklin to approve. Motion passes 7-0.

Item 7 Hearing to addition of Rule 5 H 17 to the Commission Rules and Regulations. Public Speakers: Barry Taranto said that SF Taxi did the best job on the spread sheets and he was in favor of the rule; Tara Houseman said she was in favor of the rule. Motion to approve Gillespie, 2nd McGuire. Motion passes on a Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Breslin, Franklin, Leong, McGuire, Gillespie, Sweet - Nayes: Wiener.

Item 8 Hearing and Discussion regarding the definition of a shift for driving compliance purposes: Public Speakers: James Maddox said the City had previously interpreted the requirement by hours, not shifts' Joe Flieschman described his definition of what constituted a 24 hour period, Barry Taranto said that UTW had no specific proposal on this definition, Mariah wants to believe she would have security if she had an accident; Mark Net said that medallion holders take more profitable shifts taking them away from other drivers; Tara Houseman urged the Commission to give day drivers the right to do what night drivers do; Robert Cessana said the Taxi Commission is there to protect the drivers and public; Mark Gruberg said that having to work three four hour shifts is already a minimal obligation; Rich Powell is in favor of a change and that the medallion holders would work the same number of hour either way; Robert Oppenheimer favors a change; Brooks Dyer says it takes 71/2 hours to work four hours; Fred Brandt said the requirement changed before in 1999; Bob Migdal favors a change, Mark Giorgi noted the diference between informally and formally interpreting the law; Bill Jones said the problem is the perception that easing the burden of medallion holders is bad; Johnson Akinbudense suggested the City and Utw work together on this; Greg Gregoryendorses any effort to stack four hour shifts; Dave Barlow opposes stacking of shifts; Ed Burke favors a change; Ron Wolter opposes the change; Walter Derby noted the law only says one has to intend to drive; Ruach Graffis opposes any change; Barry Korngold said the driving requirement right now is too high; George England said 12 hours a week is not full time; James Nakamura favors a change; Mulgeta Woldermariam said he left UTW because they never did anything for drivers and now they want to take good shifts away from drivers. Item continued to August 14 hearing.

Meeting adjourned 2040 hours.

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1. Roll Call

2. Public Comment (**Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President of the Commission may limit total testimony time.**)

3. Approval of Minutes (minutes from June 26, 2001)

4. Approval of Consent Calendar

5. Taxi Commission Announcements
   a. Motions to Calendar New Items

6. Hearing and Discussion regarding Parking Tickets issued to Taxicabs at various passenger pickup points throughout the city.

7. Adjournment

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Nayar Husain	Jerry Johnson	John Johnson	Vadim Krasnoiarov
Neji Mejri	Denise Mooshoolov	Oleg Pacul	Erik Rasmussen
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Ahmad Dahbour
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TAXICAB COMMISSION MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF July 10, 2001
Meeting called to order at 1839 hours in Room 400 City Hall

Prior to Roll Call, President Sweet introduced Mr. Ronald Davis as the new Taxicab Commission Director.

Item 1 Roll call, Commissioners Breslin, Leong, Gillespie, McGuire, Wiener, Sweet Present : Franklin Excused

Item 2 Public Comment: Barry Taranto discussed medallion holder audits and the review of applicant on the next hearing; Jean Normand announced the Taxi Convention on 07/17/2001; Peter Witt questioned the Commissioners individual motivations for their actions; William Qutami said some companies don't contracts with paratransit; Johnson Akinbunse explained how Yellow Cabs printout works and praised Yellow Cab.

Item 3 Approval of Minutes. Motion to approve Wiener, 2nd Gillespie - Motion passes 6-0.

Item 4 Consent Calendar. Motion Gillespie, 2nd Leong to approve, Motion passes 6-0.

Item 5 Commission Announcements: Commissioner Gillespie welcomed Mr. Ronald Davis as the new Commission Director.

Item 6 Hearing to discussion parking tickets being issued to Taxicab Drivers. Public Speakers: Rashid Marwan explained how he got tickets while loading handicapped persons; Johnson Akinbudunse discussed cab stand problems at Pac Bell park and 555 California St.; Barry Taranto noted this is a transit first city and there shouldn't be policies to contradict this; Ed Burke said that DPT needs to come before the Taxi Commission; Adudade Gudu noted tickets he had received at Filbert and Steiner; Rua Graffis said that UTW helps drivers protest tickets; Sheldon Miller said that several spots need more spaces in the cab stands; Mark Gruberg noted that in Chicago tickets to cabs are given only after a warning; Skip Alunan suggested that DPT reissue letters previously issued that allowed for warnings before tickets; George England said that 100 or more tickets come into Luxor Cab each month and that DPT should lay off drivers unless they are disrupting traffic.

Meeting adjourned 1940 hours.

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July 24, 2001 at 6:30 P.M.

City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 400

1. Roll Call

2. Public Comment (**Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President of the Commission may limit total testimony time.)**

3. Approval of Minutes (minutes from July 10, 2001)

4. Approval of Consent Calendar

5. Taxi Commission Announcements
   a. Motions to Calendar New Items

6. Hearing and Discussion for possible approval of the Medallion Holder application submitted by Jasvir Singh. (Application filed by applicant and Recommendation for Denial by the SFPD Taxicab Detail).

7. Hearing for Possible Revocation of the Driver Public Vehicle Permit held by Mugahed Elhady. (Complaint).

8. Hearing for Possible Revocation of the Driver Public Vehicle Permit held by Marcos Neves.(Complaint and response from Permitttee).

9. Adjournment

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Taxicab Commission Agenda
Regular Meeting
July 24, 2001, at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 400

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Color Scheme Changes to:

Medallion Holder	Cab #	Change	Effective Date
Phillip Tran	#1118	From United Cab to Luxor Cab	07/25/2001

2. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Medallion Holder permits to:

Applicant	Medallion #	Color Scheme
Bhagwant Brar	470	Yellow Cab
Ahmad Dahbour	472	Desoto Cab
Steven Doherty	471	Arrow Cab
Sarah Glasgow	401	Yellow Cab
William Yan	284	Luxor Cab Co.

3. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of a Ramped Taxicab Medallion Holder permit to:

Applicant	Medallion #	Color Scheme
Ketema Ketema	9071	Luxor Cab

4. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval to transfer the Bay Cab Color Scheme Permit from Herman Trinidad to Roger Cardenas and Herman Trinidad.

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TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER:
Zhiming Bi

RAMPED TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER
Mohsen Hassan

COLOR SCHEME CHANGES

Medallion Holder	Cab #	Change
Daniel Areda	9070	Yellow Cab to Regents Cab
Grigory Andarasnik	822	National Cab to Luxor Cab
Nathaniel Kassa	309	SF Taxi to Bay Cab
Roman Katz	1268	Big Dog Cab to Desoto Cab
Joseph Klebenov	1277	National Cab to United Cab
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TAXICAB COMMISSION MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF July 24, 2001
Meeting called to order at 1836 hours in Room 400 City Hall

Item 1 Roll call, Commissioners Breslin, Leong, Franklin, McGuire, Wiener, Sweet Present : Gillespie Excused

Item 2 Public Comment:Abdulbaki Gudu Discussed the process and timeline for re-issuance of Taxicab Medallions; Rua Graffis discussed Yellow Cabs driver printout deficiencies; Stephen Dogherty questioned what the Taxicab Medallion issuance requirements were; Barry Taranto addressed the timeline for re-issuance of taxicab medallions; Laurie Graham suggested that the Commission develop a process for converting ramp taxi medallion permits when the five year requirement is met; James Mangan requested to be reinstated to the Ramp Taxi medallion list; Berhanie Asseffa spoke in favor of James Mangan being reinstated to the waiting list; Jean Normand spoke in favor of enhanced benefits for cab drivers; Bruce Oka spoke in favor of James Mangan being reinstated to the waiting list; Johnson Akinbodunse explained how Yellow Cab's driver printouts are produced and spoke in favor of James Mangan being reinstated to the waiting list; Martin Kazinski questioned the Commission regarding the status of "Corporate" medallions.

Item 3 Approval of Minutes. Motion to approve Wiener, 2nd Franklin - Motion passes 6-0.

Item 4 Consent Calendar. Inspector Suslow announced that the Taxicab Detail was withdrawing their recommendation on the issuance of a permit to Sarah Glascow and requesting a continuance to August 28th. Commissioner Wiener asked to be recused from the consent calendar. Request by Commissioner McGuire to sever the application of William Yan. Motion Franklin, 2nd Leong to approve remainder of the consent calendar, Motion passes 5-0. Motion McGuire, 2nd Franklin to approve Mr. Willaim Yan's request Motion passes 5-0.. Public Speakers: Barry Tarantro spoke in opposition to issuing a permit to Ms. Glascow; Jean Normand discussed the process in general; Mark Gruberg discussed Yellow Cab printouts; Johnson Akinbundse spoke in favor of issuing a permit to Ms. Glascow; Berhane Assefa asked how many medallions were in the office.

Item 5 Commission Announcements: Commissioner Franklin asked for a report on the number of permits pending, and the calendaring of hearings on the request of J. Mangan to be reinstated to the Ramp Taxi List and a hearing on a process to change Ramps Permits for Regular Permits when the five years are up. Commissioner McGuire reported on her meeting with DPT and the extra parking spaces for cabs at Pac Bell Park.

Item 6 Hearing on Medalllion Permit application of Jasvir Singh. Item continued to next hearing. Public Speakers; Barry Taranto praised Officer Lisa Frazer for her thorough investigation of this application.

Item 7 Hearing for Possible Revocation of the Driver permit held by Mugahed Elhady. Department case presented by Officer Paul Makaveckas. Mr. Elhady represented himself. Motion Franklin, 2nd Breslin to suspend Mr. Elhady's permit for 8 weeks. Motion passed 8-0. Findings to be prepared by the next hearing by Deputy City Attorney Paul Zarefsky.

Item 8 Hearing for Possible Revocation of the Driver permit held by Marcos Neves. Public Speaker: Barry Taranto spoke in favor of giving leniency to Mr. Neves, noting that the case is getting extra notoriety because the complaintant works in the Mayor's Office. Department case presented by Officer Paul Makaveckas with additional testimony from Complaintant Martha Cohen. Mr. Neves spoke on his own behalf with additional representation from Rua Graffis. Motion Franklin, 2nd McGuire for attendance at Taxi School, attendance at Traffic Safety School within 60 days and a one week suspension if such classes are not completed.

Meeting adjourned 2130 hours.

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August 14, 2001 at 6:30 P.M.

City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
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1. Roll Call

2. Public Comment (**Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President of the Commission may limit total testimony time.**)

3. Approval of Minutes (minutes from July 24, 2001)

4. Approval of Consent Calendar

5. Taxi Commission Announcements
   a. Motions to Calendar New Items

6. Director's Report

7. Hearing and Discussion for adoption of findings on Mugahed Elhady (findings)*hearing held 07/24/2001.*

8. Hearing and Discussion for possible approval of the request made by James Mangan to be reinstated to the "Ramped Taxicab waiting list". (Letter of Request from James Mangan).

9. Hearing and Discussion for possible approval of the Medallion Holder application submitted by Jasvir Singh. (Application filed by applicant and Recommendation for Denial by the SFPD Taxicab Detail)*continued from 07/24/2001.*

10. Hearing for Possible Revocation of the Driver Public Vehicle Permit held by Iqbal Ahman. (Complaint).

11. Hearing for Possible Revocation of the Driver Public Vehicle Permit held by Vladislav Abramovich. (Complaint).

12. Adjournment

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August 14, 2001, at 6:30 p.m.
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CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Driver Public Passenger Vehicle permits to:

Mohamed Aldalali	Fahd Alkarshi	Jose Beze	Long chau
Jacques French	Guresj Guresj	Roman Gutierrez	Dmitriy Ilin
Fidelis Jimenez	Joseph Kandalaft	Emmanuel Kanu	Yevgeniy Kirikov
Sung Leung	Kenneth Mei	Albert Mioduszewski	Abdelkarim Nouisser
Sukhwinder Randhawa	Jilcha Sambi	Andreia Santos	Majdi Shaban
Yelena Tolstov	David Trotman	Tadesse Tseggai	Osmani Vicente
Mouhsine Agouri	Rasul Albosaleh	Tony Almeida	Moussa Aftihy
Aleksandr Andreychikov	Dmitriy Astrakhantsev	Patricia Braga	Martin Burger
David Campbell	Hassan Cheikh	Sam Coronell III	Peter Ezeudu
Arnaldo Filho	Mohamed Jertila	Rouslan Kamitov	Oleg Kaplan
Issa Kfouf	Rabah Kolli	Mark Laramee	Han Lou
Rolfe Louie	Viktor Makhnin	Serguei Matissen	Frank Milano
Andre Pereira	Angel Perez	Khanh Phan	John Radgoski
David Shields	Alan Silva	Roberto Silva	Rodrigo Silva
Sidnei Silva	Belete Shibeshi	Amarjit Singh	Kiet Troung
Leonid Tyryshkin	Tony Wu	Farzad Yazdanfar	Tesfamariam Zamikael
Frantisek Dostal	Marciano Filho		

2. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Color Scheme Changes to:

Medallion Holder	Cab #	Change	Effective Date
Daniel Areda	9070	Yellow Cab to Regents Cab	08/15/2001
Grigory Andarasnik	822	National Cab to Luxor Cab	08/15/2001
Nathaniel Kassa	309	SF Taxi to Bay Cab	08/15/2001
Roman Katz	1268	Big Dog Cab to Desoto Cab	08/15/2001
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3. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Medallion Holder permits to:

Applicant	Medallion #	Color Scheme
Zhiming Bi	333	Luxor Cab

4. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for *conditional* approval of a Ramped Taxicab Medallion Holder permit to:

Applicant	Medallion #	Color Scheme
Mohsen Hassan	9063	Black & White Checker

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Regular Meeting
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TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER:

Lawrence Mangum
Albert Nimri
Stanford Kramer
Robert Lind

RAMPED TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER

Henry Marsicano

COLOR SCHEME CHANGES

Medallion Holder	Cab #	Change
Alex Castro	1264	National Cab to Service Taxi
Garik Leytman	624	Town Taxi to Arrow Cab
James Mills	1182	Big Dog Taxi to 49er Cab
Charles Rathbone	916	SF Taxi to Metro Cab
Dominic Rodrigues	9057	Town Taxi to Luxor Cab
Kurt Schumacher	1292	Desoto Cab to Metro Cab
Nils Van Strom	623	Delta Cab to Luxor Cab

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Meeting called to order at 1836 hours in Room 400 City Hall

Item 1 Roll call, Commissioners Breslin, Gillespie, Leong, Franklin, McGuire, Wiener, Sweet Present

Item 2 Public Comment: Blake Arnall invited all to attend the blessing of the Taxis at St. Boniface; Steven Reimers discussed how slow business had become; Mariah discussed why she likes driving a taxi; Barry Taranto discussed drivers getting "driveaway tickets and questioned if the issuance of medallions was being held up; Robert Cesana discussed problems between taxi drivers and "metermaids"; Peter Witt said he has started his 2001 survey; Jean Normand discussed an LA Times article on taxis; Berhane Assefa asked if more medallions were available; Ann McVeigh discussed the flexibility of drivers schedules; Rua Graffis discussed Driveaway tickets; James Kennedy discussed a letter from the City Attorney's Office; Jim Gillespie said that Desoto Cab has turned in all medallions from their members who had passed away.

Item 3 Approval of Minutes. Motion to approve Wiener, 2nd Gillespie - Motion passes 7-0.

Item 4 Consent Calendar. Items 3 and 4 severed. Commissioner McGuire recused on Item 3. Motion Wiener, 2nd Gillespie to approve Items 1 and 2. Motion passes 7-0. Public Speaker on Item 3 Barry Taranto noted some irregularities on Mr. Zi's waybills. Motion Wiener, 2nd Breslin to approve 5-0 with Commissioner Leong excused for remainder of the evening. Public Speakers on Item 4; Jean Lynch stated that she was concerned Mr. Hassan did not meet the driving requirement; Bruce Oka stated that many ramped taxi drivers were still on the list and the medallion should go to them. Motion Wiener, 2nd Breall Motion passes on a roll call vote, Ayes: Breslin, Franklin, Wiener, Sweet: Nayes: McGuire, Gillespie, Leong Excused.

Item 5 Commission Announcements: Commissioner Franklin asked for a monthly report on the number of permits pending, Commissioner McGuire requested an update on the Workers Compensation survey and a copy of the medallion waiting list, Commissioner Wiener requested a hearing on the time vehicles may stay in service as taxis.

Item 6 Directors Report. Director Ron Davis gave a brief summary of his goals as the new Commission Director.

Item 7 Hearing for adoption of Findings on Mugahed Elhady (case heard at the 07/24/2001 hearing)Public Speaker: James Kennedy discussed the taxicab waiting lists. Motion to approve findings by Franklin, 2nd Gillespie- Motion approved 6-0.

Item 8 Hearing for reinstatement of James Mangan to the ramped taxi waiting list. Public Speaker: James Kennedy discussed the taxicab waiting lists and he supported Mr. Mangan, Luis Calderon spoke in support of James Mangan, Tara Houseman spoke in support of James Mangan, Bruce Oka in support of James Mangan.. Motion Gillespie, 2nd McGuire to approve reinstating Mr. Mangan. Motion passes 4-2. Ayes: Franklin, Gillespie, McGuire, Sweet. Nayes: Breslin, Wiener. Excused: Leong.

Item 9 Hearing for possible approval or denial of Jasvir Singh's Medallion Holder application. Commissioners McGuire and Wiener recused. Public Speakers: Barry Taranto thanked SFPD for their investigation on this matter. Officer Lisa Frazer presented the department's recommendation of denial. Attorney Geoffrey Rotwein appeared for Mr. Singh. Sergeant Vince Simpson presented department's rebuttal. Motion Franklin, 2nd Gillespie to deny Mr. Singh's application; Motion passes 4-0.

Item 10 Hearing for possible revocation of Iqbal Aman's driver permit.Barry Taranto spoke in opposition to the revocation. Off. Nevin presented the department's case and Mr. Aman represented himself. Motion Gillespie, 2nd Breslin to give Mr. Aman a 3 day suspension. Motion passes 6-0.

Item 11Hearing for possible revocation of Vladislav Abramovich's driver permit. No public speakers. Off. Nevin presented the department case, Mr. Abramovich represented himself. Motion Gillespie, 2nd Franklin for a 3 month suspension, one year probation and return of the $40.00 fare. Motion passes 6-0.

Meeting adjourned 2130 hours.

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TAXI COMMISSION AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

August 28, 2001 at 6:30 P.M.

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1. Roll Call

2. Public Comment (**Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President of the Commission may limit total testimony time.)**

3. Approval of Consent Calendar

4. Taxi Commission Announcements
   a. Motions to Calendar New Items

5. Director's Report

6. Hearing and Discussion for adoption of findings on Jasvir Singh (findings)*hearing held 08/14/2001.*

7. Workshop for Commissioners regarding the Taxicab & Ramped Taxicab Waiting Lists. (Copy of List).

8. Discussion and possible action to amend Taxicab Regulation 5 B 1 relating to the age of vehicles placed into service as taxicabs. (Proposed Rule Change)

9. Hearing and Discussion for possible approval of the Taxicab Medallion Holder application submitted by Sarah Glascow.(application) *continued from 07/24/2001*

10. Adjournment

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Taxicab Commission Agenda
Regular Meeting
August 28, 2001, at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
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CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Driver Public Passenger Vehicle permits to:

Jalal Aineb	Gamil Albayohani	Nadim Ali	Joseph Allen III
Ali Alssaidi	Abdelkader Andrade	Adel Bensaad	Alexandre Boltenko
Tommy Chenh	Kelechi Chukwueke	Nassim Chouadra	Nilmar Deoliveira
Oualid Dridi	Farid Fakir	Josely Florentino	Jackie Fung
Connie Jackson	Oasem Kazimi	Joseph Kliegl	Shyam Limbu
Harb Minhas	Yevsey Mirtsev	Murilo Moreira Jr.	Douglas McClure
Claudio Nalerio	Duong Nguyen	Miodrag Popich	Gurdev Singh
Satwinder Singh	Danny Truong	Davy Van	Amador Yapana
Ghassen Younes	Mike Yu		

2. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Color Scheme Changes to:

Medallion Holder	Cab #	Change	Effective Date
Alex Castro	1264	National Cab to Service Taxi	08/29/2001
Garik Leytman	624	Town Taxi to Arrow Cab	08/29/2001
James Mills	1182	Big Dog Taxi to 49er Cab	08/29/2001
Charles Rathbone	916	SF Taxi to Metro Cab	*08/29/2001*
Dominic Rodrigues	9057	Town Taxi to Luxor Cab	08/29/2001
Kurt Schumacher	1292	Desoto Cab to Metro Cab	09/15/2001
Nils Van Strom	623	Delta Cab to Luxor Cab	08/29/2001

3. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Medallion Holder permits to:

Applicant	Medallion #	Color Scheme
Lawrence Mangum	843	Yellow Cab Co.
Albert Nimri	469	Town Taxi Co.
Stanford Kramer	76	Yellow Cab Co.
Robert Lind	1193	Luxor Cab Co.

4. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for *conditional* approval of a Ramped Taxicab Medallion Holder permit to:

Applicant	Medallion #	Color Scheme
Henry Marsicano	9061	Luxor Cab Co.

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TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER:
Park (Johnny) Liu

RAMPED TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER

COLOR SCHEME CHANGES

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Felix Golberg	841	Yellow Cab to Luxor Cab
Chau Huynh	1121	Delta Cab to Bay Cab
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TAXICAB COMMISSION MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF August 28, 2001
Meeting called to order at 1837 hours in Room 400 City Hall

Item 1 Roll call, Commissioners Breslin, Gillespie, Leong, Franklin, McGuire, Wiener, Sweet Present :

Item 2 Public Comment: Bruce Oka stated his objection to the Commission granting Moshen Hassan's Ramped Taxicab permit at the last meeting; Steven Reimers spoke in favor of a Seniority system for issuing medallions; Jim Kennedy commented on previous ballot measures related to taxicabs; Barry Taranto spoke to honor a cab driver for their heroic actions on the previous Sunday and requested that the Commission sever Mr. Nimri and Mr. Marsicano's applications from the consent calendar; Tom Ferris spoke in oposition to additional cabs, Brad Newsham noted that there is a perception that the Commission is not in control of the issuance of permits; Jim Gillespie suggested a surcharge on radio calls; Tara Houseman explained how a letter from the PCC was written without a specific request; Johnson Akinbudense thanked the SFPD for their investigations.

Item 3 Consent Calendar. Public Speakers; Barry Taranto noted that applicant Nimri was also a manager at Town Taxi; Johnson Akinbudense spoke in favor of granting Mr. Nimri's application and Mr. Marcicano's application; Jim Kennedy spoke in oppostion to Mr. Marcicano's application. Commissioner McGuire recused on Medallion Holder Permit Applications. Commissioner Wiener recused on applicants from Yellow Cab Co. Motion Gillespie, 2nd Franklin to approve remainder of consent Calendar. Motion passes 7-0. Motion Wiener, 2nd Gillespie to approve permit applicants,except applicants from Yellow Cab, Motion passes 6-0. Motion Gillespie, 2nd Franklin to approve remaining applicants, Motion passes 5-0.

Item 4 Commission Announcements: Commissioner Franklin spoke against private parties conducting investigations but purporting to be representing the Commission; Commissioner Gillespie noted that the blessing of the Taxi fleet ceremony will be taking place and noted that he is uncomfortable with the number of Commissioner recusals, Commissioner Leong asked for a hearing on limousines and out of town cabs; Commission McGuire noted how long it took to recover medallion 284 and asked for an investigation; Commissioner Wiener noted why he recuses himself.

Item 5 Commission Announcements: Directors report. Director Ron Davis announced his resignation.

Item 6 Hearing to adopt finding on the application denial of Jasvir Singh. (Hearing held 08/14/2001). Commissioners Leong, McGuire and Wiener recused. Motion to approve Gillespie, 2nd Breslin Motion passes 4-0.

Item 7 Workshop for Commissioners on "Waiting Lists". Inspector Suslow explained to the Commissioners how the "Waiting Lists" are developed and maintained. Public Speakers: Laurie Graham spoke on cab drivers experiences not specifically the waiting lists, Steven Reimers noted that many limo drivers were on the taxicab waiting lists; Barry Taranto questioned the legality of "Time Waivers."

Item 8 Hearing for possible amendment to Commission Rule 5 B 1. Public Speakers: Barry Taranto spoke in opposition to the rule change stating driver safety concerns; Johnson Akinbudense stated he supported the change; Mark Gruberg stated he supported the change. Motion Wiener, 2nd Breslin to approve the change. Motion passes on a roll call vote 6-1. Ayes: Breslin, Franklin, Leong, Gillespie, Wiener, Sweet: Nayes: McGuire.

Item 9 Hearing on application of Sarah Glascow. Public Speakers: Barry Taranto, Mark Gruberg, Rua Graffis, George England all spoke in opposition to granting Ms. Glascow's permit application. Nate Dwiri, Johnson Akinbudense, Jim Gillespie and Steven Reimers spoke in favor of granting the application. Commissioners McGuire and Wiener recused. Motion to approve application Breslin, 2nd Leong. Motion passed 4-1 on a roll call vote. Ayes: Breslin, Leong, Franklin, Sweet: Nayes:Gillespie.

Meeting adjourned 2225 hours.

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SEPTEMBER 25, 2001
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TAXI COMMISSION AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

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September 25, 2001 at 6:30 P.M.

City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
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1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

3. Public Comment on All Matters Pertaining to Closed Session on Public Employment/Hiring

4. Closed Session
   A. Vote on whether to hold closed session pursuant to California Government Code section 54957 and San Francisco Administrative Code section 67.10(b). (Action)

   B. Closed Session on Public Employment/Hiring: Executive Director

      Closed Session pursuant to Government Code sec. 54957 and and San Francisco Administrative Code sec. 67.10(b): NOMINATION OF CANDIDATE(S) (TO THE MAYOR) FOR APPOINTMENT AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMISSION. (Discussion and Possible Action)

   C. Reconvene in open session:
      (i) Possible report on action taken recommending nomination of candidate(s) for appointment as Executive Director. (Action)

      (ii) Vote to elect whether to disclose any or all discussions held in closed session (San Francisco Administrative Code sec. 67.12(a).) (Action)

5. Public Comment (**Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President of the Commission may limit total testimony time.)**

6. Approval of Consent Calendar

7. Department Report

8. Taxi Commission Announcements and Motions to Calendar New Items

9. Hearing and Discussion for possible approval of the request from the San Francisco Municipal Railway for a temporary extension of the vehicle age limit allowed for the Ramped Taxicab vehicles operating by contract with the Municipal Railway. (Letter from Municipal Railway)

10. Hearing and Discussion for possible approval of the request made by Rashad Ahmed to be reinstated to the "Ramped Taxicab waiting list". (Letter of Request from Rashad Ahmed).

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11. Hearing and Discussion for possible approval of the request made by Tesfaye Chuffa to be reinstated to the "Ramped Taxicab waiting list". (Letter of Request from Tesfaye Chuffa).

12. Hearing for Possible Revocation of the Driver Public Vehicle Permit held by Rodrigo Santanna (Complaint).

13. Adjournment

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Driver Public Passenger Vehicle permits to:

Syed Ahmed	Najeeb Asghar	Riadh Baktache	Mohammad Bhatti	Marcelo Becerra
Abdul Dababo	Leandro Dos Santos	Ronald Dulin	James Dunn	Fazanullah Fiza
Cecil Graham	Piara Josan	Yohannes Melka	David Nguyen	Minh Nguyen
Emerson Marques	Kyi Lay Maung	Triet Nguyen	Michael Pena	Ghaith Sakr
Boris Sarapinian	Ranjit Singh	Ranjit Singh	Melesse Takla	Gennadiy Tishevich
Thuc Tran	Tai Truong			

B. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Color Scheme Changes to:

Medallion Holder	Cab #	Change	Effective Date
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C. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Medallion Holder permits to:

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TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER:	RAMPED TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER
Stanley Miller	David Xe

COLOR SCHEME CHANGES

Medallion Holder	Cab #	Change
Esssam Al Kashef	985	Town Taxi to BW Checker
Diane Cohen	1147	National Cab to Regents Cab
Carol Fenner	953	Delta Cab to Bay Cab
Isao Hamamoto	928	Citywide to Luxor Cab Co.
Jote Kejela	789	Delta Cab to Bay Cab
Hikmut Pople	1177	United Cab To Luxor Cab

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TAXICAB COMMISSION MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF September 25, 2001
Meeting called to order at 1837 hours in Room 400 City Hall

Item 1 Pledge of Allegiance

Item 2 Roll call, Commissioners Breslin, Gillespie, Leong, Franklin, McGuire, Wiener, Sweet Present :

Item 3 Public Comment on Closed Session: Jim Kennedy spoke to praise the previous Director Ron Davis; Peter Witt said he believed the close session conflicted with the Sunshine Ordinance.

Item 4 Closed Session: Motion to hold closed session Gillespie, 2nd Wiener- Motion passes 7-0. Upon returning to open session, Commission Sweet reported that the Commission had agreed to send a recommendation of a candidate for the Directors position to the Mayor. Motion Gillespie, 2nd Franklin not to disclose the name at this time. Motion passes 7-0.

Item 5 Public Comment: Jean Normand discussed driver income reductions in recent times; Jim Lapp asked for the removal of cabs from the streets; Laurie Graham discussed the requests of persons asking to be reinstated to the Ramped Taxi List; Steve Reimers noted how in view of the current slow business many companies have lowered their gates; Dave Barlow noted upcomming westbound Bay Dridge closures; Peter Witt thanked Yellow Cab Co. for lowering their gates; Rua Graffis noted that business is down about 30 percent; Mickey Kelley suggeste no reissue of permits due to normal turnover, Peter Von Wiegand noted most companies had lowered their gates; James Maddox stated that the current business slowdown will be long term; M. Moukatasis noted a lack of business at the Caltrain Station; Jim Kennedy noted the Commission doesn't have an e-mail site; Art Lembke said Yellow Cab lowered their gates because it wa s necessary, not because of pressure; Mariah suggested that a PR campaign might help increase business; Berhane Assefa objects to not reissuing medallions; Mark Gruberg believes Yellow Cab did respond to some pressure for their decision to lower gates; Martin Kazinski noted drivers will picket the Hyatt Regency regarding the use of limousines.

Item 6 Consent Calendar: Public Speakers: Jim Kennedy objected to Mr. Liu accepting a Ramp Taxicab permit; Peter Von Wiegand spoke in favor of John Liu receiving a Ramped Taxicab Permit. Item A approved 7-0 on Motion by Gillespie, 2nd Franklin. Item B, applicant Goldberg approved 6-0 on Motion Franklin, 2nd Gillespie, Wiener recused; Item B Huynh approved 7-0 Motion Gillespie, 2nd Franklin; Applicant Makonnen approved 6-0 mOtion by Gillespie, 2nd Franklin, Wiener recused. Item C approved 5-0 Motion by Gillespie, 2nd Franklin, McGuire and Wiener recused.,

Item 7 Department Report Inspector Suslow submitted reports on the current status of medallion issuance, Ramped Taxicab usage statistics and chronologies of medallion issuances. Public Speakers: Mark Gruberg suggested that in one case maybe a crime had been committed over a ten year period.

Item 8 Commission Announcements: Public Speakers: Jim Kennedy requested a hearing on Ramp Taxi ADA issues; Peter Von Wiegand suggested a driver should have 10 years experience before getting a medallion. Commission McGuire noted that Rule 6C requiring drivers to stay on the Radio and requested a hearing on this subject; Commissioner Wiener requested that the meeting close on a moment of silence in view of the September 11, terrorist attacks; Commissioner Gillespie echoed Commissioner Wiener's request and added that the moment should also be for former driver Singh recently killed in Arizona; Commissioner Franklin commented on the IATR conference in Quebec.

Item 9 Muni Vehicle Request Public Speakers: Laurie Graham spoke in favor of Muni's request; Jim Kennedy stated he opposed the extension; Mark Gruberg said the Ramp Taxi program is a work in progress; Fredrick Lane said the vehicle should be allowed to operate one more year. Item continued to October 24 hearing.

Item 10 Request of Rashad Ahmed to be reinstated to the Ramped Taxicab List; Item continued off calendar.

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Item 11Request of Tesfay Chuffa to be reinstated to the Ramped Taxicab List; no action taken.

Item 12 Hearing for revocation of Driver Rodrigo Santana. Department case presented by Officer Paul Makaveckas, Mr. Santana represented by interpreter Robert Lima, Department Rebuttal by Sergeant Vince Simpson. Motion Gillespie, 2nd Breslin to recommend a 2 week suspension, taxicab class and Mr. Santana write a letter of apology. Motion passes 6-1 Ayes: Breslin, Franklin, Gillespie, Leong, Sweet, Wiener; Nayes: McGuire. Motion to adopt findings Gillespie, 2nd Wiener. Motion on findings passes 6-1- Ayes: Breslin, Franklin, Gillespie, Leong, Sweet, Wiener; Nayes: McGuire

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TAXI COMMISSION AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

October 9, 2001 at 6:30 P.M.

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1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment (**Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President of the Commission may limit total testimony time.)**
4. Approval of Minutes (09/25/2001)
5. Approval of Consent Calendar
6. Taxi Commission Announcements and Motions to Calendar New Items
7. Department Report
8. Hearing and Discussion regarding limousines licensed by the state and taxicabs licensed in other local jurisdictions operating within San Francisco. (Report from Department).
9. Hearing and Discussion regarding Dispatch Services. (Dispatch Service semi-Annual Reports)
10. Hearing and Discussion for possible approval of the request made by Ron Dixon (aka Bojil Slavkov) to be reinstated to the "Taxicab waiting list". (Letter of Request from Ron Dixon).
11. Adjournment

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SPECIAL NOTICE: (Public Notice of Proposed Rule Changes): This is not an agenda item for the Commission's October 9, 2001 meeting, but is a public notice pertaining to the Commission's October 23, 2001 meeting. At its October 23 meeting, the Commission will consider proposed changes to three of the Commission's Taxicab/Ramped Taxi Rules and Regulations. It is proposed that Rules 5(B)2 and 5(B)3 be amended to permit ramped taxis owned by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency(MUNI) to be operated one additional year beyond the normal three-year limit for the operation of vehicles placed into service after the effective date of the regulations. It is also proposed that Rule 4(A)8 be amended so as to be consistent with the aforementioned amendments to Rules 5(B)2 and 5(B)3, if adopted, and with amendments to Rules 5(B)1 and 5(B)3 that the Commission has recently adopted. (Copies of the proposed rules changes are available at the Taxicab Detail, 850 Bryant Street, Room 458, San Francisco, CA 94103).

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Taxicab Commission Agenda
Regular Meeting
October 9, 2001, at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 400

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Driver Public Passenger Vehicle permits to:

Maqbool Ahmed	Naoufel Ayadi	Mahdi Benltifa	Fiseha Bizuneh	Luiz Boas
Raouf Bouzidi	Armando Castillo	Jim Chan	Mohamed Ghattas	Tauseef Hussain
Tedros Kefei	Brahim Khababa	Paul Mallette	Baldev Mann	Hafedh Mansouri
Walid Moussi	Francis Or	Simon Or	David Ragan	Jemal Ramirez
Jorge Santana	Keith Silverman	Viktor Starikov	Fereydoun Sadeghzadeh	
Filmon Teckie	Dong Truong	Boris Vasilyev	Larry votruba	Alex Yakovlev
Solomon Zewde	Ahmed Ali	Luiz Alves	Leonardo Blount	Loi Bui
Leandro Cecilio	David Cherry	Randolph Dinwiddie	Hatem Ghanem	Naim Guedri
Kenneth Johnson	Bal Krishan	Harvey Quate	Rafael Ritzmann	Daljit Singh
Gurpal Singh	Khanh Tran	Barry Tubwell		

B. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Color Scheme Changes to:

Medallion Holder	Cab #	Change	Effective Date
Esssam Al Kashef	985	Town Taxi to BW Checker	10/10/2001
Diane Cohen	1147	National Cab to Regents Cab	10/10/2001
Carol Fenner	953	Delta Cab to Bay Cab	10/10/2001
Isao Hamamoto	928	Citywide to Luxor Cab Co.	10/10/2001
Jote Kejela	789	Delta Cab to Bay Cab	10/10/2001
Hikmut Pople	1177	United Cab To Luxor Cab	10/10/2001

C. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Medallion Holder permits to:

Applicant	Medallion #	Color Scheme
Stanley Miller	942	Yellow Cab Co.

D. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Ramped Taxicab Medallion Holder permits to:

Applicant	Medallion #	Color Scheme
David Xe	9072	Luxor Cab Co.

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TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER:	RAMPED TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER
Tam Phan	None

COLOR SCHEME CHANGES

Medallion Holder	Cab #	Change
Roger Cardenas	945	Delta Cab to Bay Cab
Bader Erikat	1286	United Cab To Crown Cab

Copies of the Commission's "Procedures for Protesting the Prospective Issuance of a Taxicab/Ramped Taxi Permit (Medallion)" are available upon request at the San Francisco Police Taxicab Detail, 850 Bryant Street, Room 458 each Business day from 9am to 4pm

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TAXICAB COMMISSION MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF October 9, 2001
Meeting called to order at 1840 hours in Room 400 City Hall

Item 1 Pledge of Allegiance

Item 2 Roll call, Commissioners Breslin, Gillespie, Leong, Franklin, McGuire, Wiener, Sweet Present :

Item 3 Public Comment: Louise Kester discussed a prior incident she had as a passenger in a cab and her belief that the driver harassed her; Jim Kennedy read a list requesting several statistics regarding ramped taxicabs and submitted a copy of the list to the Commission.(copy of Mr. Kennedy's list attached or available at the Taxicab Detail-850 Bryant St.)

Item 4 Approval of Minutes: Public Speaker: Jim Kennedy discussed the Commissions March 6, 2001 minutes.
Motion to approve minutes by Wiener, 2nd Gillespie. Motion passes 7-0.

Item 5 Consent Calendar: Public Speakers: Commissioners McGuire and Wiener recused on Item C. Motion Franklin, 2nd Gillespie to approve consent calendar less item C. Motion passes 7-0. Motion Gillespie, 2nd Franklin to approve Item C. Motion passes 5-0.

Item 6 Commission Announcements: Public Speakers: Commissioner Wiener asked for a hearing on vehicle age, Commissioner McGuire requested a survey on company radio use rules, and on workers compensation; Commissioner Gillespie noted an upcoming meeting with paratransit authorities from Sweden; Commissioner Leong requested a report on out of town cabs: Commissioner Wiener objected to the company radio use rules survey; Public Speakers: Jim Kennedy discussed ramped taxicabs.

Item 7 Department Report Inspector Suslow advised the commission of a new type of top sign that will appear on some taxicabs in the near future and noted that the 2001 PCN hearing has been tentatively scheduled for the first meeting in December .

Item 8 Discussion regarding Limousines and out of town Bill Waldorf and Moira Smerson from the State Public Utilities Commission advised the Commissioners of their policies and procedures. Sergeant Vince Simpson of the Taxicab Detail presented a brief statistical report of the units enforcement efforts over the past two years.

Item 9 Discussion on Dispatch Services. Public Speakers: Bill Hollobaugh wanted to stress that dispatch services are key to seniors; Jane Bolig advised the commission that the Paratransit broker had just completed a customer service survey and that taxis has been rated higher than the lift van service. The item was continued until such time all the dispatch services could send representatives to the hearing.

Item 10 Request of Ron Dixon to be reinstated to the Ramped Taxicab Waiting list. Public Speakers: Bill Hollobough spoke briefly but did not state whether he was in favor of the request or not, Commissioner McGuire recused on this item. Motion Franklin, 2nd Leong to deny Mr. Dixon's request. Motion passes 6-0.

Meeting Adjourned 2230 hours.;

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TAXI COMMISSION AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

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October 23, 2001 at 6:30 P.M.

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1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

3. Closed Session on Existing Litigation
   a. Public Comment on all matters pertaining to the closed session.
   b. Vote on whether to hold closed session to confer with legal counsel (San Francisco Administrative Code sec.67.10(d)). (Action)
   c. Closed session pursuant to Government Code sec. 54956.9 and San Francisco Administrative Code sec. 67.10(d)
      CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION (Discussion)- *San Francisco Taxi Permitholders and Drivers Assoc., Inc. et al. V. City and County of San Francisc et al,* California Court of Appeal. First Appellate District, Division One (Civil No. A095858; filed August 23, 2001).
   d. Reconvene in open session. Vote on whether to disclose any or all discussions held in closed session (San Francisco Administrative Code sec. 67.12(a)). (Action)

4. Public Comment **(Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President of the Commission may limit total testimony time.)**

5. Approval of Minutes (10/09/2001)

6. Approval of Consent Calendar

7. Taxi Commission Announcements and Motions to Calendar New Items

8. Staff Report

8. Hearing and Discussion for possible approval of amendments to Commission Rules for Taxicabs/Ramped Taxicabs, Rules 5(B)2, 5(B)3 and 4(A)8 relating to the years of service allowed for Ramped Taxicab vehicles.(draft Amendment)

9. Hearing and Discussion regarding a possible extension of the time limit for taxicab vehicles due to be placed out of service on 01/01/2001.

10. Hearing and Discussion for possible approval of the request made by Tesfay Chuffa to be reinstated to the "Ramped Taxicab waiting list". (Letter of Request from Tesfay Chuffa). *Continued from 09/25/2001.*

11. Adjournment

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Anis Abdessalem	Mohamed Aboukhadra	Kenneth Anugwara	Bashir Bales
Elyes Chebbi	Martin Cruz	Javed Jadoon	Maung Kay
Aleksandr Kogen	Henneth McDonald	Mikhail Rabinovich	Jorge Ramirez
Samuil Sterkin	Bhupinder Singh	Michael Sukhin	James Tincher
Abdelaziz Toumi	Mark Vanveenendaal		

B. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Color Scheme Changes to:

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C. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Medallion Holder permits to:

Applicant	Medallion #	Color Scheme
Tam Phan	742	Desoto Cab Co.

D. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval a Taxicab Wrap Color Scheme Changes to be effective from 11/06/2001 through no later than 05/06/2002.

Applicant	Medallion #	Current Color Scheme	Wrap Color Scheme
Yellow Cab Coop	473 thru 482	Yellow Cab Co.	Oracle Open World

E. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail to revoke the following Driver Public Passenger Vehicle permits for failure to pay the required annual License Fee in accordance with Municipal Police Code Section 2.17.

Last Name	First Name	Permit #	Last Name	First Name	Permit #
Abdulariem	Nasser I.	85918	Benado	Boris I.	85034
Abdulhadi	Farouq B.	80587	Benchohra	Saad	89459
Abell	David M.	88651	Berchten	Jacques P.A.	78095
Abuelhawa	Abraham K.	86855	Bergin	Joseph C.	86202
Afghani	Mehdi K.	82615	Bhatti	Iftikhar A.	78624
Aguero	Joao P.	92958	Bilenkiy	Igor	82556
Agurs	Darry	88524	Bishop	Joseph A.	85894
Ahmadi	Majid P.	86198	Braga	Rodrigo A.	93378
Ahmed	Fuad I.	83563	Braiki	Qualid	91906
Ahmed	Radwan A.	88025	Bravo	Ernie M.	93879
Ahmed	Saeed	85703	Breazeale	Anthony J.	93880
Ahmed	Zainulabdin	86454	Brichkov	Vladimir	86180
Ahmed-Ali	Elfatih M.	72971	Bukoski	Charles M.	78990
Aires	Arthur S.	92959	Burgett	Curtis E.	91255
Akhtar	Javed	88353	Burke	Edward T.	70933
Al Khateeb	Ibrahim	73334	Burns	Robert J.	62094
Alabdy	Yasin A.	94543	Cadiotto	Claudio A.	86277
Alaboodi	Basim M.	90617	Candiotto	Marco P.	87583
Ali	Sajid	86516	Candiotto	Marco T.	93881
Ali	Sukhawat	92250	Candiotto	Rogerio P.	86891
Ali	Jaffar	87077	Canindin	Ernest E.	87584
Alkilani	Mazen M.	80022	Canright	William G.	51933
Alsharafi	Jamal A.	87675	Cardoso	Marcso V.D.S.	87412
Amour	Morgan M.	85805	Carey	Vlad G.	87971
Anaim	Rilal A.	88265	Castellon	Luis R.	83337
Andrews	Ronald W.	92654	Castillo	Gomer E.	86146
Andrews	William	51756	Castro	Carlos A.	95084
Antolin	Jesse L.	87968	Castro	Jose M.	77143
Anwari	Saleem M.	80886	Castroneto	Domingos A.	88664
Arabieh	Khamis M.	71686	Cavaleri	Bruno	18998
Arrighi	Roy J.	92957	Cayabyab	Edwin P.	74145
Ashraf	Mohammad	82958	Chang	Robert S.T.	86362
Aslam	Mohammed	83332	Charrow	Steve	83913
Atherly	William F.	90909	Chase	Charles C.	88720
Atinan	Thasnai	84682	Chawla	Jagdish C.	85634
Au-Yeung	Harry B.	65708	Chebchoub	Abderrahman	85636
Ayanlola	Adesina K.	84925	Choy	Juan	86769
Babenko	Yaroslav	88272	Coate	Anthony R.	77348
Badache	Hocine	88273	Compos	Andre J.	78367
Bailey	Wallen R.	88528	Cox	Joshua OM.	87858
Bala	Sajid M.	91498	Craven	Alexander	88167
Barba	Gavril E.	77445	Crooks	John B.	92117
Barbosa	Oscar	93182	Da Maia	Ocimar F.	91501
Barrios	Amadeo H.	86461	Dang	Brian Teo	79216
Bashir	Nasir	86569	Dangerfield	Kerrigan	85411
Basso	Mourad	91253	Dannenberg	Michael	43398
Batista	Melissa F.	94551	Danovich	Aleksandr	78992
Batshoun	Hanna S.	84833	De Campos	Adelio Jr.	96974
Bazlamit	Basel K.	92254	De Pina	Geronimo C.	85395
Belahmira	Jamaleddine	85705	Delgado	Thomas R.	75179
Belyea	Arthur	25440	Delifioris	Theo A.	92860

Last Name	First Name	Permit #
Demesa	Franklin C.	70469
Dennin	Terence	47905
Devenerem	James P.	88414
Dhaliwal	Guranam S.	82385
Dias	Fernando C.	88415
Dickison	Rex R.	84848
Dillman	John B.	2176
Dillon	Alton	34920
Dimos	Epaminondas	86575
Dinh	Liem Q.	86524
Dinh	Minh Q.	72868
Dinia	Oussama	91502
Dixie	Charles M.	91503
Do Prado Folho	Jose L.	84370
Doan	Nam	83342
Dobrodinszky	Denes	90238
Donohue	Timothy P.	87587
Dosanjh	Resham S.	91915
Duff	John G.	87700
Dung	Hee	57307
Dunning	Donald J.	69998
Duong	Man S.	85960
Eadie	Leroy E.	85551
Early	Terrance R.	93384
Edwards	Ronnie L.	88293
Egu	Cyril C.	78737
Elhaj	Mourice E.	86204
Eng	Thomas G.	93193
Ergur	Necati	87391
Espinoza	Humberto	55186
Evans	Glenn W.	57717
Fanourgiakis	Stavroula G.	86831
Fdaouch	Chafiq	78628
Fields	William M.	71200
Filho	Geraldo R.	87975
Flanagan	Gage S.	86405
Florencio	Dalmacio R.	56777
Folha	Domingos C.	89468
Forcier	Parry T.	87976
Fowler	Justin	87501
Fricault	Lawrence R.	50594
Fryer	Steve S.	86150
Galatenko	Valeriy	81443
Gallardo	Rodrigo V.	96017
Garcia	Fernando M.	90627
Garcia	Jessie J.	87680
Ghan	Steve P.	89138
Gieb	Donald E.	88221
Gilmour	Richard	30677
Goldstein	Daniel M.	75325
Golparast	Mohammad	86673

Last Name	First Name	Permit #
Gomez	Fabiano	94559
Graham	Richard	53930
Graves	Michael L.	88304
Greene	Lesley L.	88222
Greenfield	Michael R.	56269
Grigorian	Garnik	90242
Grigoryan	Artur G.	83470
Gullett	Jeffrey E.	93888
Gulyban	Daniel J.	63063
Hadavat	Mochamad A.	88478
Hadera	Tekle K.	81363
Hamdan	Rida M.	85118
Han	John K.	88307
Haq	Nadeemul	87593
Haq	Zahoorul	87634
Harmaz	Toufik	83919
Hassan	Fida M.	86913
Healy	Brian C.	86529
Henderson	Deosia O.	84549
Hines	Charles T. Jr.	60425
Hoang	Chi V.	87520
Hohl	Albert M.	88112
Holzrichter	Donald F.	85319
Hovsepian	Simon B.	84852
Howell	Thomas A.	82656
Hughes	Charles A.	86915
Hui	Derrick	82748
Hyajneh	Muneer A.	86601
Ibragimov	Arthur A.	89746
Jaladeh	Naser A.	91925
James	Joseph	86371
Jarvis	David W.	92454
Jobe	Darrell S.	75182
Johal	Kuljinder S.	89140
Johnson	Richard D.	66806
Junior	Jose J.	92668
Kam	Chiv	92261
Katz	Ivan S.	92125
Kazimi	Asadullah	82930
Khan	Abdul J.	88680
Khan	Anjun A.	81873
Khan	Kamal M.A.	94562
Khouly	John E.	84198
Klein	Charles D.	79001
Kooner	Surjeet S.	78079
Korber	Janusz S.	73794
Kozyrev	Oleg	85558
Kumar	Ramesh	90633
Kyne	Joseph M.	86232
Lake	John C.	30102

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Lam	Cheuk-Wing	89474
Laokwansatitaya	Steave	89751
Lavin	Raymond J.	97614
Law	Steven G.	79944
Lawson	Edwin	93393
Lawson	Timothy C.	89143
Lebares	Peter	77435
Lee	Byron C.	83440
Lewis	James K.	71306
Lim	Victor Y.	90249
Loewinsohn	Robert	54549
Long	Julius M.	82029
Lopez	Juan	87005
Lucchese	Mario C.	90635
Lui	Allen	72462
Lynaugh	Thomas P.	70259
Mack	Lance C.	76768
Maia	Simone D.M.	93619
Makhlin	Alex	91932
Manduca	Dilson	87318
Mann	David G.	92869
Marcondes	Marcelo M.	90636
Mari	Enrique P.	86975
Mariam	Mesfin H.	84018
Maritinez	Terry R.	91280
Marquez	Miguel A.	90638
Marquez	Roberto	90639
Martinez	Raul P.	88546
Martinez	Richard	91279
Masarweh	Nasr M.	85126
Masood	Khalid	86811
Masood	Khalid	89755
Matta	John D.	87552
McCarthy	Timothy	68049
Medeiros	Edvan C.	88435
Meerawi	Yaser A.	86646
Mendez	Leonardo	90640
Mesquita	Suzimeire R.	93897
Metz	Anthony G.	78461
Mielczarek	Jaroslaw	88044
Millardm	Carol J.	88487
Mines	James R.	81943
Minor	Dwight	87123
Mirwais	Salem	93207
Mitchell	Paul B.	73098
Mogobet	Will	84017
Mohamed	Towfeeq H.	89149
Mohammed	Lulseged H.	87480
Mohmood	Malik K.	88229
Montilero	Armando D.	89756
Moreira	Julio S.	88046

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Moreno	Adelso A.	87396
Morlan	Gregory B.	91518
Moros	David R.	90255
Moxley	John H.	88047
Murphy	Mark E.	88048
Murphy	Robert M.	97791
Myers	Christina A.	87793
Najdawi	Suleiman H.	77751
Nascimento	Paulo C.	84998
Nguyen	Cua Van	75269
Nguyen	Gia V.	87841
Noor	Tariq A.	86814
Noruwa	Nicholas U.	90642
Nosur	Sharf E.	90643
Novy	Phil A.	81739
Ntagbu	Justice J.	88755
O'Donnell	James D.	89151
Old Elk	Steve	83871
Oliveira	Carlos A.	93399
Oliveira	Christiamo A. M.	91935
Olsen	James S.	66446
Oplanic	Ivan J.	76442
Ouzonuov	Ivan G.	93628
Padda	Charanjit	88126
Pagola	Alfonso	81238
Papin	Linda F.	97623
Papis	Emanuel J.	86839
Pavlovskiy	Victor	82573
Penders	Gregory B.	52465
Phet	P.	97624
Pitts	Thomas J.	86420
Pofi	Jason K.	88329
Porter	Sean	82350
Prasad	Ravindra	93904
Present	Steven	82113
Prial	James P.	60767
Qureshi	Abdul M.	93402
Rankin	Joseph C.	85933
Ratner	Zakhariy	86679
Raveendra	Anil K.	91523
Reid	Floyd E.	97304
Reiter	Shephan	87042
Reynlib	Leonid	78587
Rezgui	Samir	92462
Rigsbee	Robert H.	73752
Rivera	Ivan E.	90636
Rivera	Robert J.	83723
Rivers	Hugo V.	89488
Rizvi	Syed R.H.	88693
Roberts	Brett	80646
Robinson	Harold C.	26179

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Robinson	Rodney J.	82633
Rodiquez	Richard L.	90650
Rogers	Darla J.	93404
Rose	David W.	86841
Roselund	Christian N.	92464
Rossetti	Robert S.	96039
Rubel	Michael D.	80791
Sa	Jose D.	93631
Safi	Nasir	88496
Samad	Abdul	94954
Samimi	Najem M.	86297
Sanchez	Ramon P.	88447
Sandher	Joga S.	75648
Sandhu	Hukums	90263
Santos	Paulo Dos	90938
Saporito	James V.	74821
Sarkisov	Valery	79652
Schwitzky	Valmir	79613
Sealy	Kendrick E.	88341
Shanks	alistair	57545
Sharpe	Evan	77335
Shehadeh	Nedal F.	84265
Shellman	Jeffrey N.	86387
Shlyahov	Oleg A.	83981
Sidhu	Ranjet S.	94286
Siegel	Alan D.	80879
Silva	Alan B.	91291
Silva	Antonio M.	93634
Silva	Edson L.	90655
Silveira	Luciana L.	92468
Singh	Ajinder	79489
Singh	Assa Multani	82805
Singh	Baljit	88182
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Singh	Jamal	88058
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Singh	Kulvinder	84697
Singh	Navdeep	90941
Singh	Partap	90268
Singh	Rajinder	84245
Singh	Ramnik	85989
Singh	Ranjet S.	77693
Sinh	Ken	88183
Skaggs	Jeffry T.	87894
Skinner	David L.	66403
Smith	Robert A.	87714
Smith, Jr.	Samuel P.	82233

Last Name	First Name	Permit #
Sodhi	Sarbjit S.	88347
Sparks	Theresa L.	88504
Stachkevitch	Lev	97798
Starck	Rene H.	83025
Stone	Troy	91948
Sugiharto	Sapto	88061
Sullivan	Timothy M.	91949
Summan	Harbans S.	92470
Swailem	Aid R.	88703
Tadesse	Joseph	84726
Tahir	Muhammad P.	76920
Talbot	Greg	80056
Tasfay	Mekonnen	87567
Tawasha	Jamil H.	88350
Teixeira	Leandro S.	91950
Tergrigorian	Sergey	91530
Tesfamarian	Mesfin W.	85778
Thai	Doan H.	84754
Theisen	Linda R.	82257
Thomas	Charles M.	93917
Thomas	Michael H.J.	88001
Tizenberg	Victor	84634
Tran	Hai T.	93409
Tran	Norman N.	88248
Tran	Michael	85432
Trubin	Eugene B.	79180
Trudrung	Robin J.	71897
Tyson	Dane N.	88351
Uribe	Flavio	86301
Vanags	Daniel	88139
Vanderhorst	Mary P.	93918
Vanderworp	Albert J.	88706
Vasiljevs	Deniss V.	94578
Vasilkovskiy	David	79464
Verela	Carlos B.	89769
Volokh	Anatoly	82202
Walton	Susan A.	70461
Wan	Raymen	79288
Watson	Stuart B.	62722
Weaver	Jeffrey L.	85540
Wesh	Richard A.	76857
Whitelaw	Todd B.	88066
Wilson	Rodney E.	79729
Yalcin	Zeki	97000
Yassin	Yassin M.	96048
Yemane	Aklilu G.	76659
Yiu	Jimmy C.	82403
Young	Denis R.	84842
Zhang	Xuping	81543
Zia	Ansar Y.	88780
Zitz	John A.	70404
Zubach	Stephen W.	90272

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COLOR SCHEME CHANGES

Medallion Holder	Cab #	Change
Anatoly Belivovsky	1276	BW Checker Cab to Luxor Cab

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Commission Chambers – Room 400
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Tuesday, October 23, 2001
6:30 PM

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Regular Meeting

PRESENT: Gillespie; Breslin; Franklin; Leong; McGuire; Wiener

ABSENT: Sweet

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY VICE PRESIDENT GILLESPIE AT 6:36 P.M.

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Naomi M. Little – Executive Director of the Taxicab Commission; Inspector Farrell Suslow, Sargent Vince Simpson, Lieutenant Bruce Lorin, Captain Thomas O'Neill – Taxi Detail.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL – The Roll Call showed a quorum was present.

3. CLOSE SESSION ON EXISTING LITIGATION

a. Public Comment:

- **Mark Gruberg**: Requested that the Commissioners reveal the information discussed in the close session. He gave his theory of the PDA litigation and the on going requirements of Proposition K.
- **Peter Witt, Yellow Cab driver:** Asked why do medallions take too long to be turned in and go back into service. He believed that the Sunshine law should not cover this closed session.
- **James Maddox, Chairman of PDA:** Wanted to respond to Mark Gruber and Peter Witt. The previous speakers do not speak for the PDA. The Commissioners should talk to the

PDA if they wish to discuss the issues. The PDA does not advocate the abolition of the driving requirement.

- **Jim Kennedy:** Asked why is there a second close session on the PDA litigation. The Taxi Commission should be implementing Prop K. The Taxi Commission has the authority to amend Prop K.

b. Vote to hold closed session: Commissioner Breslin moved to confer in close session: Commissioner Wiener seconded the motion.

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Franklin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None
ABSENT: Sweet

c. Closed session held: In attendance were -- Commissioners Gillespie, Breslin, Franklin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener; Deputy City Attorney Paul Zarefsky; Executive Director Naomi Little.

d. Vote disclose or not to disclose closed session: Commissioner Wiener moved not to disclose closed session; Commissioner Franklin seconded the motion.

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Franklin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None
ABSENT: Sweet

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- **James Maddox:** Questioned how should the taxi industry recover during these bad economic times. He encouraged to Commissioners to reeducate the public – for passengers to finds cabs and cabs to find passengers. President Sweet's letter to the neighborhoods and the advertisement by the PDA were a good start. The Commissioners should appoint a liaison to DPT to work on drive away passenger zones and street sweeping zone issues.
- **Tara Houseman:** She believed there was a reason that there were few people at the October 9th Commission meeting. Her agenda was postmarked October 4th, but she didn't receive it until the Wednesday after the meeting. She requested that there should be a specific letter to the drivers. Many drivers are Vietnam veterans. If they are suffering and post traumatic stress, they can call 750-6931, 401-5151 or 252-4788.
- **Peter Witt:** No agendas are posted at the airport. He submitted packets to the Commissioners regarding limousines for hire which are unlawfully soliciting passengers in the downtown and South of Market areas.
- **Jim Kennedy:** Reminded the Commission that he brought the issue up before that some ramped vans were about to expire.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Approval of the Minutes of the October 9, 2001 meeting of the Taxicab Commission.

a. Public Comment:

- **Jim Kennedy:** Asked if his prior document was included in the minutes.

b. Commissioner Wiener moved to approve the minutes; Commissioner Franklin seconded the motion.

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Franklin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None
ABSENT: Sweet

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

A.- C. Commissioner Weiner moved to recommend that the Police Taxicab Detail approve the Driver Public Passenger Vehicle permits, Taxicab Color Scheme Changes and the Taxicab Medallion Holder. Commissioner Franklin seconded the motion.

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Franklin, Leong, Wiener
NOES: None
ABSENT: Sweet
RECUSED: McGuire (recused herself from Item C, but the motion was for Items A-C)

D. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of the Taxicab Wrap Color Scheme Changes to be effective from 11/06/01 through 12/06/01.

a. Public Comment:

- **Paul Miles, Clear Channel Media**: Understands that some of the drivers do not like the wrap cabs because they are not yellow. However, the wrap cabs are noticeable and may get more fares.
- **Jim Kennedy**: Is there a quorum? Mary McGuire and Paul Gillespie should recuse themselves due to a conflict of interest.
- **Tara Houseman**: This advertises Oracle. Anything that brings a convention hear is a good thing, instead of the convention going to San Jose.
- **George England**: Vote in favor of the wrap cabs. Even though the drivers did not like the wraps the public did show interest in the wrap cabs. For example: the Yahoo wraps. Supports Oracle convention in San Francisco.

Commissioners Leong, McGuire and Wiener recused themselves due to conflict of interest. At this point there is no quorum. After conferencing with each Commissioner, City Attorney Paul Zarefsky recommended that Commissioner McGuire's taxicab be excluded from the wrap taxicab color scheme change. Therefore, Commissioner McGuire can unrecuse herself. Commissioner McGuire: The drivers were not consulted.

Commissioner Breslin moved to recommend the wrap color scheme change excluding Medallion # 474. Commissioner Franklin seconded the motion.

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Franklin,
NOES: McGuire
ABSENT: Sweet
RECUSED: Leong, Wiener

E. Recommendation that the Police Taxicab Detail revoke Driver Public Passenger

Vehicle permits for failure to pay the required annual License Fee in accordance with the Municipal Police Code Section 2.17.

Commissioner McGuire: (1) How long has the people failed to pay? (2) Are cab companies checking the a-Cards annually? (3) Are these people currently driving? (4) Has a notice of revocation been sent to people? (5) Why this year and not previous years?

Inspector Suslow: Required by the Police Code section 2.17 to revoke. The A cards were due at the end of December. The fees have been delinquent since the end of January. There was a six month reminder notice in June. Since 1981 the Police Commission sent out notices. Now that the Taxi Commission is up an running, it is appropriate for this Commission to do the revocation. Notice were sent to all persons. Every person will have 15 days to appeal from the letter that is about to go out.

a. Public Comment:

- **Tara Houseman**: Asked that an effective date be from a month from now. Word will filter down to some folks. This way drivers will not have to go through the process of re-upping.
- **Jim Kennedy**: Good that the Taxi Detail is purging the A list files. Should also purge the Medallion waiting list file.

Commissioner Franklin moved to revoke the permit holders on the list. Commissioner Wiener seconded the motion.

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Franklin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None
ABSENT: Sweet

7. TAXICAB COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MOTIONS TO CALENDAR NEW ITEMS.

Commissioner Breslin: Announced that the Small Business Committee is having a special meeting on October 25th at City Hall in Room 263 to promote the use of more taxis and determine the economic impact since September 11th. Asked for suggestion on items to be raised at the meeting from the Commissioners and the public.

Commissioner McGuire: (1) She was concerned about the Airports closing the waiting lot at midnight. This hurts drivers because of the business from the 2 a.m. flights. Asked for a director's report. (2) Asked the Director to look into drive away tickets with DPT. (3) Apologized for the Cab Stand at Pac Bell Park. (4.) Asked if DeSoto Cab 373's medallion has been returned to the City.
Commissioner Gillespie: Stated that he met with the paratransit people from Sweden. Mark Soto was in attendance. He believes San Francisco has one of the best paratransit systems around.

Commissioner Leong: Would like to Airport Commission to reconsider the October 15th mandate to close the waiting lot at midnight.

a. Public Comment:

- **Jim Kennedy**: He disagreed with Commissioner Gillespie and feels that San Francisco does not have the best paratransit system in the world.
- **George England**: He believes the issues with the Airport lot is absurd and that the Airport is trying to get rid of taxicabs. It takes more than 2 hours to get a pick up at the Airport.
- **Rua Graffis**: Since the Airport is cutting service to cab drivers then the taxi fees should be cut. Daja should bring their contract with them. This closure of the lots is very ill conceived.
- **Peter Witt**: United Airlines only has 1 dispatcher for cabs. A suggestion for the Small Business Meeting was to have dispatchers in the neighborhoods. If drivers know there is business in the outer neighborhoods, then they will cruise the neighborhoods. There is an issue with Medallion 353 and 965.

8a. STAFF REPORT

Inspector Farrell Suslow: Announced that the revocation letter of all ramped taxi medallion holders and color scheme holders were erroneous letters. There was a computer error with the City's System. Please disregard those letters.

Executive Director Naomi Little: She can be faxed at (415) 552-6996.

a. Public Comment:

♦ **Jim Kennedy**: See attached comments.

8b. HEARING AND DISCUSSION FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO COMMISSION RULES 5(B)2, 5(B)3, AND 4(A)8.

a. Commissioner Wiener moved to amend Commission Rules for Taxicabs/Ramped Taxicabs, Rule 5(B)2. Commissioner Franklin seconded the motion.

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Franklin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None
ABSENT: Sweet

b. Commissioner Wiener moved to amend Commission Rules for Taxicabs/Ramped Taxicabs, Rule 5(B)3. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Franklin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None
ABSENT: Sweet

c. Commissioner Wiener moved to amend Commission Rules for Taxicabs/Ramped Taxicabs, Rule 4(A)8. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Franklin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None
ABSENT: Sweet

9. HEARING AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF THE TIME LIMIT FOR TAXICAB VEHICLES DUE TO BE PLACED OUT OF SERVICE.

a. Public Comment:

- **Richard Hybels, SF Taxi Association**: Drivers should own their own cabs. Drivers are way behind on payments. There should be a motion tonight.
- **Roger Cardenas**: Supports this initiative.
- **Jim Gillespie, DeSoto**: Supports this initiative. In these difficult times, companies have lowered their gate fees for a couple of weeks.

Commissioner Wiener mover for the 120 day suspension of the time limit. Commissioner Franklin seconded the motion.

AYES: Breslin, Franklin, Leong, Wiener
NOES: Gillespie, McGuire
ABSENT: Sweet

10. HEARING AND DISCUSSION FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF TESFAY CHUFFA TO BE REINSTATED TO THE RAMPED TAXICAB WAITING LIST.

a. Public Comment

- **Laurie Graham**: There should be a process in place to determine what constitutes reinstatement onto the Ramped taxi waiting list.
- **Peter Witt:** There was a precedence set.
- **Jim Gillespie**: Mr. Chuffa drove at DeSoto for three years and then left. When he came back, there were no ramped taxis available for him to drive at Desoto. Since then, Desoto has picked up six new ramped taxis and Mr. Chuffa has been driving one of them.
- **Aituro**: He would like to be reinstated on the Ramped Taxi List.

Commissioner McGuire moved to continue Mr. Chuffa being reinstated on the Ramped Taxi waiting list until guidelines are established. Commissioner Franklin seconded the motion.

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Franklin, McGuire
NOES: Leong, Wiener
ABSENT: Sweet

11. ADJOURNMENT at 10:30 p.m.

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TAXI COMMISSION AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING

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October 31, 2001 at 9:00 A.M.

City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 400

1. Roll Call

2. Discussion and possible approval of Taxicab Wrap Color Scheme Changes to be effective from 11/06/01 through no later than 12/06/01. *(Action)*

Applicant	Medallion #	Current Color Scheme	Wrap Color Scheme
Yellow Cab Coop	473	Yellow Cab Coop	Oracle Open World
Yellow Cab Coop	475 thru 483	Yellow Cab Coop	Oracle Open World

Public comment will be taken on the above agenda item.

3. Adjournment

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Wednesday, October 31, 2001
9:00 A.M.

Special Meeting

PRESENT: Sweet, Gillespie; Breslin; Franklin; Leong; McGuire; Wiener

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT SWEET AT 9:07 A.M.

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Naomi M. Little – Executive Director of the Taxicab Commission; Inspector Farrell Suslow -- Taxicab Detail.

1. ROLL CALL – The Roll Call showed a quorum was present.

2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF TAXICAB WRAP COLOR SCHEME CHANGES

a. Public Comment:

- **Dannelle Mielbrecht, Clear Channel Taxi Media:** Here to answer any questions.
- **Rua Graffis, UTW:** She supports Commissioner McGuire's "No" vote on the Taxi wraps. She doesn't see how they benefit drivers. Drivers are losing business. Drivers should get proceeds from advertisements. There shouldn't have been a special meeting for this issue.
- **Mickey Kelly, Citywide Taxi:** Urged the Commission to pass the wrap taxis. So far, only two companies are doing wraps. As a small company they hope to have wraps soon.

Commissioner Wiener: Recused himself.

Commissioner McGuire: Voting "No" because drivers signed a contract to drive a yellow cab not a red cab. While certain wrap cabs were successful, such as Yahoo, other wrap cabs were not successful, such as the pink cab with the pig. The safety fund is in limbo and not benefiting the drivers.

Commissioner Leong: Recused himself.

Commissioner Gillespie: Questioned how much of the wrapped taxi cab money is going into the safety fund. In the past, he traditionally voted against wrapped taxi. However, since this wrap is supporting an event to occur in San Francisco he will vote "Yes."

Inspector Suslow: Answered Commissioner Gillespie question: $100 per wrapped cab.

Commissioner Breslin: Asked what are the parameters for Commissioners' recusal, especially since each Commissioner represents a specific interest group. Then asked Rua Graffis of UTW: (1) What were the percentage of UTW members to the number of drivers in the City? (2) Are funds earmarked for drivers?

- **Rua Graffis:** (1) There are about 200 UTW members. (2) Money is earmarked in the Safety Fund.

Commissioner Franklin: There was a taxicab driver who had driven a Yahoo wrapped cab who testified previously before the Commission that he enjoyed driving the wrapped cab. Therefore, not all drivers dislike the wrapped cabs.

Commissioner Sweet: San Francisco has built its reputation and economy on tourism. This supports a convention coming to San Francisco.

Commissioner Franklin moved to recommend approval of Taxicab Wrap Color Scheme Changes. Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, Franklin
NOES: McGuire
RECUSED: Leong, Wiener

3. ADJOURNMENT at 9:20 a.m.

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November 13, 2001 at 6:30 P.M.

City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 400

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment (**Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President of the Commission may limit total testimony time.**)
4. Approval of Minutes (August 14, 2001, August 28, 2001, October 23, 2001 and October 31, 2001)[ACTION]
5. Approval of a Proposed Amendment to the March 6, 2001 Special Meeting Minutes. [ACTION](amendment copy)
6. Approval of Consent Calendar [ACTION]
7. Taxi Commission Announcements and Motions to Calendar New Items
8. Staff Report
9. Discussion and possible action to direct the Taxi Commission and Police Taxicab Detail staffs to conduct the annual hearing to review taxicab safety on December 7, 2001 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at City Hall Room 400. [ACTION] (Memo from Director)
10. Discussion and possible action for the extension of the suspension of enforcement of the rule banning the use of ramped taxi permits in spare regular taxis. [ACTION] (draft resolution)
11. Discussion and possible approval of a resolution urging the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to amend the Municipal Police Code Section 1142(b) to authorize a $2 taxi fare surcharge on taxi rides from San Francisco International Airport by San Francisco taxicabs. [ACTION] (Resolutions from Board of Supervisors and Airport Commission)
12. Discussion on the Taxicab Commission's Annual Statement of Purpose (memo from Director)
13. Adjournment

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Taxicab Commission Agenda
Regular Meeting
November 13, 2001, at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 400

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Driver Public Passenger Vehicle permits to:

Omer Abdelnur	Mohammed Ali	Ibrahim Alnunu	Jacov Awoke
Karnail Basra	Gerald Charles	Zhun Chen	Jagdev Dhaliwal
Vincent Diep	Carl Eckstein	Seth Fordyoung	Vladimir German
Haroun Haroun	Abdelghani Houmami	Jian Huang	Melvin Johnson
Neiber Melo	Luiz Netto	Marlon Niau	Mohamed Omrane
Bernardo Pucci	Jagmohan Randhawa	Lyubov Rubin	Gurnam Sandhu
Sikhwant Singh	Ronald Solis	Jeffrey Whitmore	Abdelaziz Zeroul

B. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Color Scheme Changes to:

Medallion Holder	Cab #	Change	Effective Date
Anatoly Belivovsky	1276	BW Checker Cab to Luxor Cab	November 14, 2001

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TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER:	RAMPED TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER
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Mychael Monroe	None

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Regular Meeting

PRESENT: Sweet; Gillespie; Breslin; Leong; McGuire; Wiener

ABSENT: Franklin

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT SWEET AT 6:38 P.M.

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Naomi M. Little – Executive Director of the Taxicab Commission; Inspector Farrell Suslow, Sergeant Vince Simpson, Lieutenant Bruce Lorin, Captain Thomas O'Neill – Taxi Detail.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL – The Roll Call showed a quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- **John Roberts, Luxor Cab driver:** If he doesn't show up to work, then he gets back booked. There needs to be a definite direction to help the taxi drivers. This is a good time to establish employee status for the drivers. Would like the companies to pay into unemployment and disability. The Taxicab Commission needs to find a common goal.
- **Peter von Wiegandt, Yellow Cab driver:** Yellow Cab has the most inefficient radio system. If his life in danger he cannot call the base this is a safety issue. There needs to be an even playing field. Cab companies should adhere to the rules and regulations. He is not the only cab with a defective radio.
- **Peter Witt:** Asked the Commissioners if they had any questions regarding the survey on 3500 customers. There were a few errors in the survey. (1) A 0- 3% margin rate of error should be factored in; (2) Demographics vary for each drivers market (e.g. airport

players): (3) Did not count and categorize customer complaints. His complaints for the last three years are limos, dispatch and top lights. Played tape of customer complaining about taxi service.

- **Jim Kennedy:** Thanked Naomi Little because he had a pleasant meeting with her. Thank her for bringing the minute up to date. Noted that the Taxicab Commission's Mission statement on the back of her card talks about an "open forum of debate and discussion." At the last Commission meeting, he feels his three minutes to speak on ramped taxis was cut short. Yellow cab has 80% of the ramped taxi medallions which is a conflict of interest.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Approval of the Minutes for the August 14, 2001, August 28, 2001, October 23, 2001 and October 31, 2001 meeting of the Taxicab Commission.

a. Public Comment:

- **Jim Kennedy:** The August 28, 2001 Consent Calendar states that Mr. Kennedy spoke "in opposition to" Mr. Marcicano's application. This should read "IN FAVOR OF." He has never been in opposition to awarding permits to anyone, by thought, word, or deeds. He does reserve the right to speak out, on the current system of awarding permits to non-taxi drivers. For the October 23, 2001 meeting, he was limited to less than 3 minutes and interrupted on the issue of amendments to Rule 5(B)2, 5(B)3, and 4(A)8. He requested Commissioner Wiener to recuse himself in that Yellow would be the prime benefactor of these amendments, and Luxor and Town to a lessor degree. Asked that he be advise in any recourse in appealing this decision.
- **Peter Witt:** On 10/23/01, asked if the limo information is sent on to the California PUC. Should he pass the limo information directly onto the PUC? What is the PUC's number, fax number, etc.?

Commissioner Gillespie moved to approve the minutes; Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None
ABSENT: Franklin

5. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO MARCH 6, 2001 MEETING

a. Public Comment:

- **Jim Kennedy:** He wished to reserve his rights in commenting on this proposed amendment at a later date. The reason being that he needs to review the audio tape and written transcript of the meeting.

Commissioners Leong and Breslin recused themselves because they were not Commissioners at the time of this meeting. Commissioner Gillespie moved to approve the amendment to the March 6, 2001 meeting. Commissioner McGuire seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None
ABSENT: Franklin
RECUSED: Breslin, Leong

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

A.- B. Commissioner Weiner moved to recommend that the Police Taxicab Detail approve the Driver Public Passenger Vehicle permits, and the Taxicab Color Scheme Changes. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None
ABSENT: Franklin

7. TAXICAB COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MOTIONS TO CALENDAR NEW ITEMS.

Commissioner Breslin: Reported back to the Taxicab Commission about the Small Business Commission's Special Meeting regarding the impact on the economy since September 11th. (1) There were major concerns regarding neighborhood service. (2) There were concerns regarding the manners of cab drivers. She did inform them that there was a procedure addressing complaints on erratic driving and rudeness.

Commissioner McGuire: She has an issue with medallion #284 reissued two months ago. Requested that this case should be forwarded to the SFPD fraud unit and/or the District Attorney's Office. A death certificate shows that the medallion holder was dead since October 27, 1990 and widowed at the time. She estimates that maybe close to $500.000 was collected by Mr. Engmeyer in lease revenues. He made false statements to Inspector Farrell Suslow, stating that his father died two years ago.

Commissioner Gillespie: Commended Director Little on the quality of the minutes. Also would like to note the advertisement by the San Francisco Taxicab Associations in the *Independent*. The ad depicted how expensive it is to drive in the USA – $17.50/day for a compact car; $23.50/day for a full size car. This ad encourages people to take cabs. Commended all the cab companies that participated in this ad.

Commissioner Wiener: Taxicab Association has put the "America: Open For Business" posters in their cabs. These stickers may be on all the cabs.

Commissioner Sweet: Add to future agenda the issue of working radios. On page 32 in the Rule Book, "the two-way radio must be kept in working order and kept on at all times." The Taxi Detail should research whether radios are working in the cabs.

a. Public Comment:

- **Peter Witt**: In regards to the radio dispatch problem, there are areas in the City that do not work due to not enough antennas and outdated frequency.
- **Jim Kennedy**: (1) There are no cabs in the Richmond or Sunset because there are nine separate dispatch companies. As a driver we will drive out to the Richmond and come back empty because they have not called his company. If he gets a $15 ride out to 43rd and Taraval and picks up a ride there, he has made $30. That is better than the airport. (2) For every one complaint about a driver, there are thousands of complaints about the public. There are more abuses against the drivers.
- **Peter von Wiegandt**: When he made a complaint about a driver to Yellow Cab or the Taxi Detail, they dealt with it. He gets upset if other drivers put passengers' lives in danger. He makes complaints and polices his own little space.
- **John Roberts**: Most cab drivers do not drive more than a year because there is no one to pick up. If a bus driver drives around the City and there are no passengers, he still gets paid. This is not the same for cab drivers. As for manners, cab drivers have been receiving a little bit extra from the public, especially because of their ethnicity.
- **Steven Ramers, Yellow Cab:** Great that there was an ad in the *Independent*. Easy way to solve problem is to see to it that the people driving the cabs to the City can get the medallions, even those drivers not on the list. Getting experienced people behind the wheels would solve a lot of problems. Companies should get the dispatch system that Yellow, Luxor and Desoto have. This will help better service the neighborhoods.

8. STAFF REPORT

Executive Director Naomi Little:

1. **Modifications of SFO Taxi Dispatch**: She and Sergeant Vince Simpson met with Joseph Martin, Landside Operations, Keith Aganon, ShuttlePort/DAJA, Sergeant Mulkeeen and Lt. Schloltz, Airport SFPD Bureau. Cutting the taxi lot hours from 6am – 2am to 8am – 12am was not DAJA decision, but the Airport's decision. Since September 11th, the Airport's budget has been cut. The Airport plans to cut 35% of the budget for taxi services, which translates into 17 to 18 ShuttlePort/Daja positions being eliminated. RECOMMENDATIONS made to Landside Operations:

(1) Reduce the $3.25 fee since services to taxis are cut.

(2) After 11p.m., taxis should not have to pay the $3.25 fee if they are sitting in overflow lots 1 or 2.

(3) Move the Bus Zone by United to the old American Airlines Taxi Zone. Then the taxi stand at United can encompass both the original taxi zone and the current bus zone. The same can be done at the South terminal.

(4) Increase the hours of the lot from [8 a.m. to 2 a.m.] or from [7 a.m. to 1 a.m.] or from [6 a.m. to midnight]. Instead of a four hour cut to the taxi lot hours, can there be a two hour cut.

2. **The 2001 Annual Public Convenience and Necessity Hearing** will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2001 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall Room 400. Anyone wishing to submit written materials, please submit them to the SFPD Taxicab Detail by December 3, 2001. They are located at 850 Bryant Street, Room 458, San Francisco, CA 94103. Fax at (415) 553-7969.

9. ANNUAL HEARING TO REVIEW TAXICAB SAFETY ON DECEMBER 7, 2001 FROM 1 P.M. TO 3 P.M. AT CITY HALL ROOM 400.

a. Public Comment:

- **Mark Gruberg:** Supports the Annual Safety Hearing. The requirement for an Annual Safety hearing has been in the law since 1994. Don't believe it has ever been complied with. There have been safety hearings, but nothing comprehensive.
- **Tara Housman:** "No 'e' in her House." Recommends that in the future it is better not to have meetings on Fridays.
- **John Roberts:** He finds it strange that the Commission voted to extend the use of spare cabs in operation longer, when the drivers are paying full gates. If we are talking about safety and are voting to keep these piles of "I don't know what" on the road, then the Commissioners should look at there own decisions on safety.

Commissioner Gillespie moved to hold the Annual Safety Hearing with Executive Director Little on December 7, 2001. Commissioner Wiener seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None
ABSENT: Franklin

10. ACTION FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE SUSPENSION OF ENFORCEMENT OF THE RULE BANNING THE USE OF RAMPED TAXI PERMITS IN SPARE CABS.

a. Public Comment:

- **Jim Kennedy**: Whereas, on 3/6/01 you extended the usable cycle of the 3 year rule to 4 years [12/31/01]. On 10/23/01, you extended the 3 year rule to 4 years. The latest extension was actually a 5 year extension. By refusing to acknowledge the ramp vans placed into service on 12/17/97 will be entering the 5th year on 12/17/01. God forbid someone should be hurt or gravely injured in these antique ramp vans. They will be suing you. This item Could be a great phasing out of the original Ramp Permit Holders. By allowing the Ramp permit holders to place their ramp permits in New sedans, until a regular permit can be achieved through attrition. Since tamp permit holders have no contracts or financial assistance, the 5 year requirement should be declared "null and void."
- **Johnson Akinbodunse, Yellow Cab Driver**: Encourage the Commissioners to extend the use of ramp permits in regular taxis.
- **Laurie Graham:** The conditions of Yellow cabs are questionable. However, they pass the inspections at the airport. Would support using cabs older than 3 years if safe. The cabs are running and fine, but not she is not saying the cabs are great. Until a vehicle is built for wheel chair access, this is what we've got.
- **Peter Witt:** The ramp taxi program is a terminally ill patient. It is a detriment to the industry. It affects the drivers and the disabled. The vehicles are falling apart. If the Commission intends to make this a long term program, then the Commission should think long term. We are putting band aids on a bleeding patient.

- **Peter von Wiegandt:** He does not drive a van. but sees them in the yard. He would not get in a ramp taxi van as a driver. These vans look really bad. Would not approve extending the life of these vans.

Commissioner Wiener: These ramp medallions are not put in vehicles that are not up to par. We want to use the medallion in order to keep the program viable. The people who have the ramp medallion have contractual obligations with the color schemes. If the color scheme cannot use the medallion. then it cannot pay the monthly lease fee. This can be overcome by putting the medallion in a spare regular cab.
Commissioner Gillespie: To bring Commissioner Breslin and Leong up to speed. if a ramped taxi is in the shop or out of service and there is no ramp spare to be used. it allows a medallion to be in a spare regular cab. Contrary to what was said in public comment. this does not extend the life of vehicles. We have to suspend the rule that the ramp medallion be in a ramp vehicle. The Paratransit survey noted that the ramp taxi program had an overall rating of "good" or "excellent"of 97% of the people who were surveyed. The lowest rating was the cleanliness of the ramp vehicles.

Commissioner McGuire: She believed the extension should only be for a three months. not an entire year. (1) How many requests have the Taxi Detail received since March 6 to use the ramp taxi medallions in regular cabs? (2) Which companies made these requests and what were there reasons. (3) What evidence has been presented to the Taxi Commission staff regarding the economic and conditions of the ramp taxi? (4) What is the status of the acquisition of new vehicles? (5) What is the condition of the vehicles at each fleet (6) Has anything developed since March 6th? (7) How many shifts go unfilled at companies that operate the ramp taxis?

Commissioner Wiener moved to extend the suspension of the rule banning the use of ramped taxi permits in spare cabs. Commissioner Gillespie offered a friendly amendment of extending the suspension to December 31. 2002 and seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie. Breslin, Leong, Wiener
NOES: McGuire
ABSENT: Franklin

11. DISCUSSION FOR TO URGE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO AUTHORIZE A $2 TAXI FARE SURCHARGE ON TAXI RIDES FROM SFO.

a. Public Comment

- **Barry Taranto**: Unsuccessful at the Taxi Commission February 22. 2000 meeting. The program that the $3.25 help funds is a great program. Jackie Besser and ShuttlePort Daja have created fairness. The passengers will benefit as well. It is only fare that the fee be split between the passenger and the driver. The Board of Supervisors and the Airport Commission support this pass through.
- **John Roberts:** The $2.00 extra charge will probably come out of his tip. especially if he has a $32 fare. A better solution is for SFO to lower its fee.
- **Tara Housman**: She is in favor of passing this resolution. The Taxi Commission should show solidarity with the Board of Supervisors and the Airport Commission. The whole

$3.25 should be passed through, not just $2.00. There should be housekeeping legislation regarding the signage. Most major cities pass through the airport charge. Few other airports have as high a fee as San Francisco.

- **George England, Luxor Cab driver**: Supports passing the airport fee through. SFO's fee is high. If you have an expense, you should be able to pass it along to the customer. This is the way business operates. There should be proper signage so that people will not feel they are being ripped off. The Airport fee should be $0.50 like Atlanta.
- **Rua Graffis, UTW:** Supports the pass through. Would like the resolution to be amendment so that when the Airport fee goes up, the pass through goes up in proportion. San Francisco drivers are paying more than anyone else in the country.
- **Mark Gruberg:** The partial pass through is a result of long discussion with the Board of Supervisors and the Airport. The drivers should not have to pay this fee at all. The pass through is a compromise.
- **Johnson Akinbodunse:** Does not support the pass through. Reduce the airport fee to $0.50 or $0.75. What if you get a fare to Vallejo – there is bridge tolls and possibly credit card fees. The pass through gives incentives to some drivers to sit at the airport for three hours. When you go into business, you have costs. Now, drivers will not get a tip because passengers will have to pay the extra surcharge.
- **Peter von Wiegandt:** Supports the pass through. The airport fee has gone from $1.50 to $3.25. This fee is high. The $2.00 pass through is giving back to the drivers a little bit.
- **Peter Witt:** Everyone of the drivers who spoke tonight has a valid point. The expenses of going to San Francisco from the airport– the gas, $3.25, etc. Recommend a rate increase for the mileage to equal the costs of the airport. He does not play the airport anymore because too expensive and too many cabs. The Airport should reduce the lot size and have an adequate dispatch system to call cabs to come to airport when it is needed.

David Munchs, SF Governmental Affairs: Trip fees have gone up around the country. There has been discussion about increasing the trip fee. However since September 11th, that discussion has died down. The issue of when the $2.00 fee will be collected has not been worked out. Shuttle vans pay $1.65/trip; scheduled buses and limousines pay $2.75/trip: Door-to-door vans and taxis pay $3.25/trip. Many cities pass all of the airport fee through.

Commissioner Breslin moved to pass a resolution urging the Board of Supervisor to authorize a $2.00 pass through of the airport taxi trip fee. Commissioner McGuire seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: Gillespie
ABSENT: Franklin

12. DISCUSSION OF TAXICAB ANNUAL STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

a. Public Comment:

- **Peter Witt:** The Taxicab Commission should protect the taxi industry, i.e. from driver to permit holder. There should be a more relaxed format at the Commission meetings. When a driver gets an A-card, s/he should automatically be put on the waiting list for a medallion.

- **Mark Gruberg:** There should be more Prop K enforcement. The 1999 survey of the permit holders driving requirement showed that there were 300 permit holders out-of-compliance. That is 47% of the drivers. The Taxi Commission should focus on corporate permits. A few years ago, it refused permission to a few companies to all transfer of shares.
- **Gratcha Makarian:** The Taxicab Commission's goal should be enforcement of the rules and thinking about the public's interest first.

13. ADJOURNMENT at 8:45 p.m.

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2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment (**Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President of the Commission may limit total testimony time.**)
4. Approval of Minutes (November 13, 2001)[ACTION]
5. Approval of Consent Calendar [ACTION]
6. Taxi Commission Announcements and Motions to Calendar New Items
7. Staff Report
8. Discussion and Possible approval of Guidelines for the Time Period for Filing Appeals From Permit Decisions with the Board of Appeals. [ACTION] (Proposed Resolution)
9. Discussion and Possible approval of Guidelines for the Circumstances of Reinstating a Person to the Ramped Taxi Waiting List. [ACTION] (Proposed Resolution)
10. Discussion and Possible Approval of a Resolution to Urge the Board of Supervisors to adopt an ordinance prohibiting the ticketing of Public Passenger Vehicle drivers involved in the expeditious loading or unloading of a passenger. [ACTION] *draft to be distributed at the hearing*
11. Hearing for possible revocation of the Driver Public Vehicle permit of Kenneth Aunaghise (Complaint)
12. Adjournment

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Gregory Chang	Marcos Diniz	Omar Elhajoui	Dale Harriman
Robert Herman	Ronald Hobbs	Brian Johansen	Boris Kilunov
Kiet Lam	Brian Lebow	Jose Mendiola	Ghassen Mosbahi
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Regular Meeting

PRESENT: Sweet; Gillespie; Breslin; Leong; McGuire; Wiener

IN ROUTE: Franklin

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT SWEET AT 6:38 P.M.

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Naomi M. Little – Executive Director of the Taxicab Commission: Inspector Farrell Suslow, Sergeant Vince Simpson, Lieutenant Bruce Lorin, Captain Thomas O'Neill – Taxi Detail.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL – The Roll Call showed a quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Steve Reimers, Yellow Cab driver:** Would like public comment at the end of the hearing.
- **Bruce Oka, Chair, Ramp Taxi Working Group, Paratransit Coordinating Council:** There is an issue of PCO's giving tickets to ramp taxi drivers and regular taxi drivers in the picking up and un loading of passengers. There is a MOU between the Police Department and Parking and Traffic prohibiting the ticketing of paratransit drivers while unloading and loading. There next meeting is Wednesday, December 5, 2001 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at 1449 Webster Street. He would like a representative from DPT to attend.
- **Barry Taranto:** Thanked John Lazar for taking the unprecedented step of reducing the rates at Luxor Cab over the weekend. Luxor has the best computer system in the

industry. Congratulated Mychael Monroe, an African American woman, for receiving her medallion.

- **Jim Kennedy:** Gave the history of how he became a ramp taxi medallion holder. On December 27, 1997 he received his permit. Due to post defacto laws, he does not have his medallion. After meeting with Richie Weiner and Nate Dwiri, he did not become a member of the Yellow Cab Coop. Ramp Taxis cost $14,000 more to retrofit. Muni only has a K with Luxor, Town, and Yellow.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Approval of the Minutes for the November 13, 2001 meeting of the Taxicab Commission.

a. Public Comment:

- **Jim Kennedy:** The minutes are excellent.

Commissioner Weiner moved to approve the minutes; Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None
IN ROUTE: Franklin

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A.- B. Commissioner Gillespie moved to recommend that the Police Taxicab Detail approve the Driver Public Passenger Vehicle permits, and the Taxicab Color Scheme Changes. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None
IN ROUTE: Franklin

C. Commissioners Weiner and McGuire recused themselves. Commissioner Gillespie severed "Mychael Monroe" and "Daniel Ward."

Commissioner Gillespie moved to approve a Taxicab Medallion Holder permit to **"Mychael Monroe."** Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, Leong
NOES: None
IN ROUTE: Franklin
RECUSED: McGuire, Weiner

Commissioner Gillespie moved to approve a Taxicab Medallion Holder permit to **"Daniel Ward."** Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, Leong
NOES: None

IN ROUTE: Franklin
RECUSED: McGuire, Weiner

6. TAXICAB COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MOTIONS TO CALENDAR NEW ITEMS.

Commissioner Gillespie: He attended the Paratransit Coordinating Council Annual Meeting. Congratulated Bruce Oka for being indicted into the Paratransit Hall of Fame.

Commissioner Leong: Would like to address the issue of installing taxi stands in the City..

Commissioner McGuire: Thanked John Lazar for lowering the gates at Luxor. She wished other companies would follow this example.

7. STAFF REPORT

Executive Director Naomi Little:

1. The Taxicab Commission's e-mail address is: **sftaxicommission@prodigy.net**

2. In response to Supervisor Gavin Newsom and the public, when a taxicab driver renews their annual A-cards, s/he will be informed of the steps required for them to be on the medallion holder waiting list. The Tax Collector's Office will have instructions on how to obtain a "Public, Convenience and Necessity" application.

Inspector Farrell Suslow: Gave monthly status report on pending Taxicab and Ramp Taxicab Permit issuances. Two (2) deceased medallion holder permits were turned into the Taxi Detail. There is one (1) application in process and one (1) letter pending.

8. GUIDELINES FOR TIME PERIOD FOR FILING APPEALS WITH THE BOARD OF APPEALS

a. Public Comment:

- **Tara Housman:** When granting a permit, does the 15 days start on the day of the Commission meeting or the day following the Commission meeting? How long will the Notice of Decision take to be distributed?

Inspector Farrell Suslow: The Notice of Decision is sent by Certified Mail.
City Attorney Paul Zarefsky: He believes that the 15 days begins on the day following the Commission Meeting. He will double check this information.

Commissioner Weiner moved to adopt the guidelines for the time period for filing appeals. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, Franklin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None

9. GUIDELINES FOR THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF REINSTATING A PERSON TO THE RAMPED TAXI WAITING LIST.

a. Public Comment:

- **Laurie Graham, Yellow Cab:** The clerical error and lack of notice exception is not enough. "Just cause" should be added, such as in the case of Jim Mangum. He is one of the best ramp taxi drivers and should have been reinstated. Someone who thought they made a bad decision should not be reinstated.
- **Bruce Oka:** He agrees with Laurie Graham. The disabled community still has a problem with the ramp taxi permit holders not doing their share. The Taxi Commission should make sure that the people who deserve the medallions get them such as Laurie Graham or the Mangum brothers. They are over worked because the others are not doing their job.
- **Steven Reimers:** The Taxi Commission does not need guidelines to reinstate people in the future. Ramp taxis are a different issue because it is a work in progress. Ramp taxi permits should be given for life.
- **Jim Kennedy:** 2,375 people are not on the ramp medallion list. The quality of the ramp taxis are horrible.
- **Tara Housman:** The legislation does not address the problem. There should be an "Amnesty Period." The applicants will still have to go through the same process of training, and the Commission can still keep quality control. The price of ramp vans have gone down considerably – from $45,000 to $31,0000 to $29,000.
- **Mark Gruberg:** MPC 1080(c) states, "Every application for a motor vehicle for hire permit shall be deemed to remain active and shall be considered until the earliest of the following events (1) The applicant withdraws the application in writing; (2) The applicant is deemed to be ineligible by the vote of the Commission; (3) The applicant receives the permit." The resolution is fine as is, BUT any rules that the Commission adopts that is broader than the MPC should get Board of Supervisor approval.

Commissioner Wiener moved to approve guidelines for reinstating applicants to the ramp taxi waiting list. Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Breslin, Leong, Wiener
NOES: Gillespie, Franklin, McGuire

11. DISCUSSION FOR TO URGE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ADOPT ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE TICKETING OF TAXIS INVOLVED IN THE LOADING OR UNLOADING OF PASSENGERS.

a. Public Comment

- **Tara Housman:** Supports!
- **Barry Taranto**: Noted that James Howard form Parking and Traffic was present. Tickets for parking in taxi stands have increased by 60%. This is good.
- **Mark Gruberg:** Supports!
- **Steve Reimers**: Supports!

James Howard, Parking and Traffic: He would advise to approach with caution before passing this resolution. There are hazards. There is the traffic control situation during (1) special events: (2) two away times; and (3) emergency situations. The Ballpark was a logistical challenge. After the game, DPT had to make decisions on which direction the traffic would flow on 3rd Street. When a cab picked up a customer only for a few seconds, it caused traffic congestion for three blocks. After meetings with the Taxi Industry, DPT created ramp taxi and taxi stands. During the baseball season, there were six (6) drive away tickets issued. Taxi drivers get these tickets in the mail later because the PCO are still directing traffic.

The ordinance is overly broad. What does "reasonable amount of time" to move mean? His remarks are for regulating taxis not ramp taxis. The downtown loop in Chicago, there are nowhere for cars to park. Therefore it is easier for cabs to unload and load. Whereas in San Francisco, cabs are competing with private cars, deliver trucks, etc. DPT is willing to work with the Taxi Commission. Lets work together instead of legislating this problem.

Commissioner McGuire: Drivers are circling around the Ball Park and people desperately want the cabs, but if the drivers pull up, they will get a ticket. There are private cars and limos in the taxi stands. There is only space for two cabs in the stand. Can the area around the Ballpark be a tow away zone, so that taxi can have a taxi stand?

Commissioner Weiner: This resolution comes from a lot of frustration from the drivers. The Boa building and 3rd Street are problem areas because they are giving drive away tickets. Frustration comes from the fact that the ticket was mailed and not put on the windshield. One driver received a ticket in the mail when letting pedestrians cross in the street. Every day there is a beer truck double park in front of his office, who is not unloading or loading and has never received a ticket.

Commissioner Breslin: Would like to give the Commission one month to come up with an adequate solution to deal with the ticketing problems, especially since DPT is willing to work with us.

Commissioner McGuire moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

AYES: Gillespie, McGuire
NOES: Sweet, Breslin, Franklin, Leong, Wiener

Commissioner Breslin moved to reconsider the resolution in January after Taxicab Commission staff works with DPT on this issue. Commissioner Weiner seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, Franklin, Leong, Wiener
NOES: McGuire

11. KENNETH AUNAGHISE DISCIPLINE HEARING

Complaint Summary: Mr. AUNAGHISE was ordered off the SFO Airport grounds due to an airport violation by Ofc. McCray. Instead of leaving the grounds as ordered, he went to another location at the airport, engaged in a heated argument with another dispatcher and made threats toward the dispatcher's supervisor. During the Sergeant's investigation and subsequent arrest,

Mr. Aunaghise physically resisted, causing injury to the Sergeant and fled from the scene. AUNAGHISE was contacted at another location on the Airport grounds. and again he resisted and refused to obey the officers directions. He was subsequently charged with Threats and Resisting Arrest.

A. Presentation:

Officer Frazier, SFPD: Requested to take full action against Mr. Aunaghise by revoking his Driver Public Vehicle Permit. In addition to laying out the complain the SFPD believes that Mr. Aunaghise is a threat to public safety, any figure to authority, airport dispatchers, hotel doorman. PCO and police officers.
Donald Bloom and Kenneth Aunaghise: On the 5th of October, he dropped off someone at the Delta stand, but the passenger wanted to go to United, so he put the luggage back in the stand, but some dispatcher reported him as jumping the lot. After returning the airport after three hours and going through the lot and paying his fee, Officer McCray told Aunaghise that he jumped the lot and Dispatcher Castro had documented. Officer McCray told him to leave. He didn't understand that meant the Airport. Sergeant asked him to leave, but he could not hear the rest of his statement. Later, while filling out a complaint against Castro, six cops came and jumped on him and he didn't know what was going on. He has been summarily suspended for a whole year.

B. Witnesses

Sergeant Mulkeen, SFPD: There was not great noise at the Airport that Mr. Aunaghise would not understand that he was under arrest.
Castro, ShuttlePort Dispatcher: There are only a few habitual cabs that are jumping the line. Mr. Aunaghise had been jumping the lines several times before this incident. He circled the Airport four times before he picked up a fare at Delta. A guy station at United taxi stand. the point of entry into the Airport for taxis, radioed into the dispatch the 719 was no good and coming off the freeway empty. Taxi supervisors have the authority to kick out a driver for the day who has jumped the line. If driver refuses to leave, then the dispatcher gets the GTU involved.
Officer McCray, SFPD: This situation should not have escalated to the point were Mr. Aunaghise was arrested. His waybill had crammed in Delta and United. This was suspect. because she would assume that he would cross out mistakes not cram them in. She retrieve book from dispatch that indicated that 719 jumped the lot. She asked him to leave.

C. Rebuttal

Sergeant Simpson, SFPD: Officer Frazier's report was based on police records and witness testimony. The summarily suspension at the request of Mr. Aunaghise. He has assaulted a police officer and threaten a taxicab dispatcher. He offers no justification for his actions. His behavior is unfair to other taxicab drivers. His actions pose a threat to public safety. Therefore, there should be a revocation of his permit.
Donald Bloom: Most of the evidence is hearsay. Summarizes Mr. Aunaghise's testimony. Asks the Commission to have a little bit of mercy and take into consideration that he has not had his permit for the last year.

Commissioner Franklin moved that Mr. Aunaghise attend an anger management class and report back at the completion of that program. Mr. Aunaghise be put on six (6) months probation without incident. If there is an incident, then his permit will be automatically revoked. Commission McGuire seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Franklin, McGuire
NOES: Breslin, Leong, Weiner

12. ADJOURNMENT at 9:45 p.m.

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at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 400
Friday, December 7, 2001, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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TAXI COMMISSION AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

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December 11, 2001 at 6:30 P.M.

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1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

3. Public Comment (**Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President of the Commission may limit total testimony time.)**

4. Approval of Minutes (November 27, 2001)[ACTION]

5. Approval of Consent Calendar [ACTION]

6. Taxi Commission Announcements and Motions to Calendar New Items

7. Staff Report

8. Hearing and Adoption of findings on Kenneth Aunaghise (findings) *hearing held 11/27/2001*

9. Annual Public Convenience and Necessity Hearing for Taxicabs. Possible action to adopt Commission Resolution declaring Public Convenience and Necessity. (Report from Taxicab Detail and correspondence from the public).

10. Adjournment

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Taxicab Commission Agenda
Regular Meeting
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CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Driver Public Passenger Vehicle permits to:

Zoubeir Achour	Shoukat Ali	Victor Almeida	Ricardo Azevedo
Jayson Gallaway	William Gardner	Melba Garland	Kazuaki Hashimoto
Michael Ivanov	Pavel Kanopkin	Ousameh Kayyal	Muhammad Khan
Karim Khelifi	Kevin Korczak	Wael Makhlouf	David Marchetti
Jude Orajaka	Roger Poore	Sergey Shirokikh	Shaukat Tahir
Ricardo Teixeira	Henry Tran	Bradley White	

B. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for conditional approval of Taxicab Dispatch Service Permit to Amercian Taxicab Co.

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NOTICE

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TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER:
Terry Chan

RAMPED TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER
None

COLOR SCHEME CHANGES

Medallion Holder	Cab #	Change
Alexander Beresnev	1028	National Cab to BW Checker Cab
Dale Fuller	1266	Arrow Cab to Bay Cab
Newell Heywood	84	Service Cab to Luxor Cab
Michail Kipnis	1094	SF Taxi to Luxor Cab
Reginald Saw	1126	SF Taxi to Regents Cab

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1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL – The Roll Call showed a quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Hal Mellagard, General Manager, Yellow Cab Coop:** Yellow Cab normally supports the issuance of medallions. However, since Sept. 11th, these are not normal circumstances. Recommends a one year moratorium. The Controller recommended a 7.9 increase in the meter. This generates more money for the driver but not better service. Should reward drivers for staying in San Francisco by adding a service charge to radio orders. Response time to radio orders would improve. Drivers will pick up more quickly. There would be fewer "no-gos." More cabs would stay in San Francisco. Drivers would make more money.
- **Tom Stanghellini, Luxor Cab:** Disagrees with the SPUR report. It appears to have no economic sense and micro-manages.
- **Gary Teele, Luxor Cab:** He read the SPUR report and would like to address the people who are playing with taxicab driver's lives. Didn't recognize any of the names who took part of the report.

- **Peter Von Wiegandt:** Radio service is good. The problem is the computer generated radio. The Commission should look into this problem. He is a radio player.
- **Bill Hollobaugh:** Safety Hearing. Single box that would include fair meter, GPS, and card reading. There should be an Emergency Fund and a button that says driver needs assistance.
- **Joe Mirabili:** Authorizing 500 more cabs does not answer the call of improving services. The Commission should keep records on cab accidents. As accidents go up, driver incomes go down.
- **Brooks Dyer, permit holder:** Verified that the Commissioner can be contacted at sftaxicommission@prodigy.net and at (415) 552-6996 (fax #).
- **Abison Chirackal:** The Parking Department is giving taxi drivers a hard time, especially in the Financial District. Drive away tickets are a problem.
- **Barry Taranto:** 555 California is a problem with DPT tickets. There will be a hearing soon at the Parking and Traffic Commission to expand the 555 California taxi stand.
- **Ann McVeigh:** Disagrees with the SPUR report. Medallion holder should not be on an equal level has drivers. The medallion holder has extra responsibilities such as $800 in insurance, new tires, be a member of a Coop or LLC, etc. Suggestions: Toll operation like in London, which a passenger calls a number and it rolls over to the drivers.
- **Peter Witt:** Yellow Cab dispatch that Peter was talking about, not Luxor. Luxor is a lot better than Yellow. He does not play the radio anymore. Yellow Cab dispatch is deeply flawed.
- **Lewis Morgan, Yellow Cab:** Do not put out more medallions. His income has been cut by 60%.
- **Bill Minikel:** Yellow Cab GPS system stinks. Had a conversation with Richard Wiener that Yellow Cab systems stinks. Drivers are taking their eyes off the road to look at the radio. There should be a dispatcher for every 75 cabs on the street.
- **Olivio Dallagiacoma, Yellow Cab medallion holder:** SFO should close one of the three lots if times are so bad.
- **Jack Donnelly, medallion #859:** Mission Bay developer stops building. Things have change. The Taxicab Commission cannot put out these 500 cabs.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Approval of the Minutes for the August 14, 2001, August 28, 2001, October 23, 2001 and October 31, 2001 meeting of the Taxicab Commission.

Commissioner Gillespie moved to amend Item 11 of the minutes; Commissioner Franklin seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, Franklin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Commissioner Weiner moved to recommend that the Police Taxicab Detail approve the Driver Public Passenger Vehicle permits. Commissioner Franklin seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, Franklin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener

NOES: None

B. Taxicab Dispatch Service Permit to American Taxicab Co.

a. Public Comment:

- **Barry Taranto:** The Taxicab Commission should not add a 10th dispatch to a company that only has 6 or 7 medallions. What type of service will there be? The Taxicab Commission should continue this matter in order to establish better guidelines for dispatch operators.

Commissioner Gillespie moved to recommend that the Police Taxicab Detail approve the Taxicab Dispatch Service Permit to American Taxicab Company. Commissioner McGuire seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet. Gillespie, Franklin, McGuire,
NOES: Breslin, Leong, Wiener

6. TAXICAB COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MOTIONS TO CALENDAR NEW ITEMS.

Commissioner Gillespie: For the January Commission Hearings, he would like to agendize (1) a hearing on dispatch with data collected from companies for the second half of 2001; and (2) a hearing to discuss guidelines for the funds collected for drivers.

Commissioner McGuire: Kevin Lee, DPT, announced that there are only 4 vehicle taxi stand at 555 California. PCOs are ordered to cite any violators. There will be no more warnings on this block. There is zero tolerance on this issue.

Commissioner Leong: Look into existing taxi stands in the City to ensure that access is efficient.

7. STAFF REPORT

Executive Director Naomi Little:

1.**Taxi Stands:** She will be working with Commissioners Wiener and Leong over the next few weeks on the location of taxi stands .

2. **Radios:** The Police Taxi Detail is randomly checking radios in taxicabs.

8. POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF FINDINGS ON KENNETH AUNAGHISE

Commissioner Franklin moved to adopt the findings. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, Franklin, Leong, McGuire. Wiener

NOES: None

9. ANNUAL PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY HEARING FOR TAXICABS.

a. Public Comment:

- **Tessay Chuffa:** Support additional cabs. The City needs more cabs. Cab companies have refused to decrease their gates. If the gates are decrease, then more drivers giving service to San Francisco. 500 more medallions will free the drivers in the City. Drivers are being exploited.
- **Mariann Costello, Golden Gate Restaurant Association:** She is not here to ask for additional cabs. However, urge the Commission to move forward with the transportation plan. The economy is cyclical. She has been in the hospitality industry for 18 years and has seen the ups and downs. These are not normal times, but look to the future.
- **Asseffa Berhani, Yellow Cab:** The Recession happens every eight to ten years. He is not making money as a driver. Medallions should not be the issue. Service and availability is the issue.
- **Jim Gillespie, DeSoto:** There is no current need for more taxicabs. Mariann Costello stated that GGRA is not currently looking for more taxis. Continue to look at the economy because it is cyclic. The economy is bad and service is better. The Paratransit Broker Survey says service is better. DeSoto is answering all calls and is looking for more business for the drivers. For the next 6-12 months, there should be no more taxis.
- **Marc Lewis, Dispatcher, Luxor Cab:** Medallions don't pick people up, cab drivers do. The quality of service will go down if 500 new taxis are put onto the streets.
- **Edward Burke, systems manager, Luxor Cab:** He looks at the numbers everyday. Disagrees with the SPUR report. SPUR report was based on Taxi Detail Survey which is about 1/10 of the calls made to cab companies. The zero tolerance position by DPT is absurd because 555 California taxi zone is a lifeline for cab drivers.
- **Bob Begley, Executive Director, Hotel Council of San Francisco:** Not asking for additional cabs on the street. The Hotel industry is facing a difficult time. Requesting that the Commission process the cabs that are already in the mill so that when the times comes when the economy improves, cabs will be ready.
- **David Haase, Luxor:** 80% of calls are computer generated radio calls. The SPUR report is based on the year 2000. These times are completely different. Opposes 500 more cabs.
- **Jim Blechihger, Luxor:** Would like to see 200 less cabs on the street. We should cut down the number through attrition.
- **Paul Lazzareschi:** One year ago, the Commission Okayed 500 more cabs. That decision has been stuck in environmental review. He would like to see those cabs onto the street. No matter what the economy is like, there are always cabs saying don't put more medallions on the street. It is tough to get a cab. Don't go backwards. Let's work on getting them on the street. They will not be out on the street anyway.
- **Jim Nakamura, PDA:** Should reverse last years decision. Business is worse today. The Taxicab Commission should be sensitive to the economic pain out there. The hotel people can hold off for a year.
- **Peter Von Wiegandt:** Rescinding last years decision would be a mark of courage for the Taxicab Commissioners. The people who came tonight should come to the Commission hearings more often.

- **John Fried, medallion holder #994, Luxor:** Don't put out 500 more cabs.
- **David Kiley:** He was always a major radio player. GPS is the best. Business is very bad. The streets are dead by 8 p.m. DPT and the limos make it rougher. Cabs are sitting at the company lots. Putting more cabs out would lead to more inexperience drivers.
- **Anthony Presutto:** These are the worse times he has seen in seven years of driving. His income has gone down about 50%. He averages about $7 or $8/hour, and that is without benefits. More medallions will lead to inexperienced drivers, who stay at the Airport instead of working the City. Medallions should be reduced through attrition.
- **Woldemariam Mulugeta, Yellow:** One more medallion is just a killer. The Taxicab Commission is adding numbers to the industry at a time when industries are laying off. There are no convenience and necessity at this time. Secondly, if the driver does not check the radios when he leaves the lot, it is his fault if it is not working, not the company's.
- **Richard Hybels, Metro/National Cab:** Prior to Sept 11th, there were 4,500 cabs leaving SFO per day. After 9/11, only 3500 cabs were leaving each day. This does not indicate not enough cabs. A third of the hotel workers were laid off. Catellus has canceled 275,000 sq.ft. of commercial vacancies. There should be a statistical model, instead of a guy at 35th and Taraval saying he can't get a cab.
- **Anne McVeigh:** Previously she asked for more medallions at a time when cab services was dismal. However, instead of issuing 300 medallions at once, they should issue cabs 100 at a time. The 500 medallions should be phased in 100 at a time. A transportation model is a good idea.
- **Mickey Kelley, Citywide Taxi:** We do not need more taxicabs. There are numerous people being laid off and restaurants are closing. There is no method for reducing the number of cabs.
- **Barry Taranto:** Should rescind the 500 cabs decision. Should hold a PC&N in August. Next year, there will be BART going to SFO and the 3rd Street Light Rail, which will take from taxis. The surveys need better statistics.
- **Mark Gruberg:** Since the dotcom bust, the national recession and the attack on 9/11, SFO pick-ups were down 9.2% in January; 43.6% in September-- 235,000 trip loss. Local rider ship has shrunk significantly and visitors have never arrived. Last weeks *Chronicle* reported that the Bay Area economy will not recover until a year after the national economy – 2003. 47,000 jobs will be lost in the Bay Area this year. On the bright side, the Paratransit Broker survey indicated great service.
- **Kathleen Harrington, President, GGRA:** Not here to ask that the 2001 PC&N issue more cabs. Do not want to rescind the cabs at the 2000 PC&N hearing. However, not a single cab from 2000 is on the streets due to the environmental review process at the Planning Commission. There is no way 500 cabs will hit the streets all at once or in 6 months from now.
- **Christopher Fulkerson:** Do not need more medallions on the street. There were many days he made only $40. Is one person's survival more important than another person's convenience? Dispatch should be made competent.
- **Brooks Dyer:** His income has dropped 50%. People cannot get cabs on Friday and Saturday nights and when it rains because these are peak times. No more cabs
- **Jean Normand:** Oppose more medallions.

- **Sharon Wickham, DeSoto:** The economy has been declining since last December. Not in favor of anymore cabs at this time. To be more efficient, use extra large bus stops at taxi stands. Coordinate with the bus stops.
- **Melaku Girma:** Things are bad now, but probably not in 1, 2 or 3 years. How about pacing the cabs into the economy. There are two new hotels going up. The Convention Center is going to expand. Assume that people are going to come back.
- **Murai, medallion holder, Luxor:** Business is worse and service is better. Drivers are working more hours for less money. There are not two classes of drivers – wealthy medallion holders and peasants. She is a peasant medallion holder. The customers are extremely happy because the drivers are there in minutes. She is playing the radio. One night, she received no calls and bid on 50 orders.
- **Gus Henselyn:** No more cabs! He empathizes with the people who are waiting for medallions, but he waited for 14 years.
- **David P. Perlin, medallion holder, Yellow:** Should rescind the 500 medallion decision. He supported no more medallions even before he received his medallion. The public is much happier with the service they are getting. There should be statistical proof instead of guess work.
- **Liz Bradley, Veterans:** Love being a cab driver. Everyone needs cabs. She does not want to lose her job. Cab drivers are desperate for work. There should be no more medallions issued.
- **Zareh Sohikian**: Rescind the 500 medallion decision. They are predicting that the economy is not getting better for the next two years.
- **Mort Weinstein, Yellow:** There should be a moratorium on new cabs. The Taxicab Commission should promote the cabs that are available now. Should crack down on limousines.
- **Jim Battles:** There are means to improve services with the resources that we have, not by issuing more medallions.
- **Olivio Dallagiacoma, Yellow Cab:** If the public calls for a cab, then they should wait for the cab to arrive. No more medallions.
- **Dale Hess, Executive Vice President, San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau:** This is not the time for more cabs. However, keep your eyes on the future. The economy is cyclical. 1/3 of the business is corporate travel. This will probably pick up in about a year. The International Travel will pick up in about a year. 85% of the Convention business is still around. In 2003, there are 22% more bookings for conventions than in 2002. Moscone West will open. The Taxicab Commission should put 500 cabs on hold.
- **Richmond Loewinsohn:** The more experience drivers are asking for no more cabs. We know where to go and what to do and do not stand in any lines. When drivers are making money, they stay with the cab company. If there is no business, drivers will quit. Driver turnover is a good statistical indicator.
- **Bill Minikel:** Catellus is cutting back. Economic entities are cutting back. The Taxi Industry cannot make the decisions to cut back. The drivers are looking to the Taxicab Commission to cut back. 500 cabs is ludicrous.
- **Cartmill, Luxor:** No more cabs. He worked 10 hours last night and only made $50.
- **Peter Witt:** Before 9/11, there has been a 58% increase in cabs. Then the Commission decided to add more cabs. Disagree with the SPUR report. Do not believe that the cab leasing companies are losing money.

- **Johnson Akinbundunse:** If you cannot undue the past, then pace out the 500 cabs. The drivers are cutting off each other because times are bad.
- **Ruach Graffis:** There is no need for more cabs. The 500 medallion decision is hanging over our head. The restaurant industry is not regulated like the taxicab industry. If a restaurant has bad business, they can raise their prices, lay off employees or close their business. The 1,381 cabs will not go out of business. However, the experienced drivers will go out of business. Put out more cabs and you will get worse service.
- **Steve Randall, medallion #411, Yellow Cab:** Cab companies are not able to fill their shifts. Adding medallions in this context would be flirting with disaster.
- **George England, Luxor:** Rescind the 500 medallion decision. Should set up temporary cab stands in front of the closed restaurants in the City. Times are difficult.
- **Luke Seal, Luxor**: The drivers in this room have been driving more than 10 years. Therefore, they are quality. Listen to the experienced drivers.
- **Lawrence Kelley:** He went back to school in order to create a new career. He can no longer make a living on the streets.
- **Tone Kai Lee:** We need the Taxicab Commission to save our lives. The Four Seasons Hotel is only 40% full.
- **Margo Jackson:** There is a recession, then the good drivers leave. The car accidents began to accumulate and the insurance increases. Yellow Cab went bankrupt once. No one wants to revisit.
- **Wei Lee:** If the gate would go down, then there would be more drivers.
- **Terrance Alan, San Francisco Late Night Coalition:** As a small business owner, we are all feeling the same crisis. However, we should lead ourselves out of the crisis and into the future. San Francisco will rebound and grow. Look forward for the day when the Commission brings more cabs out because there is not enough.
- **Jim Kennedy:** At any given moment, there are approximately 200 cabs in the holding lots at SFO. Yet, on many occasions, customers have to wit for the taxi(s). Why? Because you are still operating in an analog mode. While we are now in a digital mode. The "good ole boy horse and buggy system." Please drag this San Francisco taxi dispatch system into the 21st Century.

Commissioner Breslin made a motion that (1) the Taxicab Commission support the issuance of the previously approved 500 cabs when the economy and demand rebound; (2) the Taxicab Commission direct the Executive Director to continue to work with the Planning Department to resolve outstanding environmental issues; and (3) the Taxicab Commission intend that the issuance shall begin no earlier than six months, or as economic conditions warrant. Commissioner Weiner seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Breslin, Franklin, Leong, Wiener
NOES: Gillespie, McGuire

10. ADJOURNMENT at 9:45 p.m.

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